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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

HOW MANY CONGRESSMEN DO WE NEED?

When the Federal constitution was adopted it was provided that "the number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand" of the population. The fourteenth amendment says, "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers."

Ten years ago there were 356 Representatives. The census having been taken a reapportionment will be provided by Congress, next Spring. With respect to this forthcoming reapportionment the following facts will be admitted by any honest Congressman: First, that the House of Representatives is a lamentably inefficient organization. Second, that this condition is almost solely due to the size of the membership. Third, that the public business would be best served by a decrease of at least one-half of the membership of the House.

The writer witnessed the wire-pulling when the last reapportionment was made, following the 1910 census. Member after Member in the House got up and protested against increasing the number of Representatives above 356. While they were making their patriotic appeals, the "wire-pullers" figured out, state by state, a basis which would give the Republicans, then in power, new members. Some States got one new Representative—others more. Then the voters in the next election returned a Democratic House. To provide for more room for these all the desks were removed from the Chamber, and these were replaced with benches, a la English—to make room for 435 members.

Representative Hull advocates submitting to the States a constitutional amendment to limit the size of the House to 450 members. Hull's proposal is ridiculous on its face, as an honest Congress that would put the interests of the country above political expediency would not need to be hog-tied by a Constitutional amendment. Nevertheless there is merit in Hull's suggestion since its application would prevent Congress from piling up the dead-wood in Congressional membership above a certain limit.

The Senate works efficiently because of its limited membership. The House gets worse and worse, and its members increase in numbers, and then each Congressman goes back to the people to tell them of the great anxiety about "the public interest." Most of the members right now are more interested in fixing up the lines of their own districts in order to get rid of counties that went against them in the last election, and replacing them with counties that vote their way, than they are in making a better and more efficient House of Representatives, which every mother's son of them knows can be brought about by providing a reapportionment with a greatly lessened number of Congressmen, instead of more of them.

SERVICE AND PRICES

In the readjustment period the public seems to be showing a keen interest in securing the proper service from the railroads and the public utilities, while the price that they are paying for it is apparently a secondary consideration. It would be a mistake to interpret the above paragraph to imply that the public does not care what the necessities and conveniences cost them—whether the selling party be a public utility or a merchant—but it is a visible fact that the nation has taken on a more independent attitude as a result of the war, and a railroad company or a public utility that attempts to furnish an inferior service finds that it cannot get away with it. This new attitude of the public is reflected in just the same way in the small matters, and the merchant who sells second grade eggs does not need to wait very long before he finds that his store has only second grade customers left.

There has been no end of debate as to whether the manufacturers, the wholesalers, jobbers or retailers have been the greatest profiteers. The fact is that there have been too many overly avaricious concerns and people in all these classes. The public has had to stand for high prices, and just now while these prices are being hammered down that same public is insisting on quality in the rendering of service, as well as in quality in the merchandise and food products which it buys.

In the readjustment period it must not be forgotten that no class of business can operate under pre-war rates with after-war expenses that are 100 and 200 per cent greater than in 1914. Therefore the readjustment prices do not con

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SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS

WEST BETHEL FLAT

Miss Libbie Lynne Goodridge closed a very successful term of school at the West Bethel Flat, Friday, Dec. 17. About two o'clock Mrs. Santa Claus (who is always ready to help out her husband through the busy season) was seen coming up the road. Mrs. Santa waited until after the program had been given before she distributed the gifts from the prettily decorated tree in the corner. Twenty-one parents and friends were gathered there to help celebrate, and not one was slighted. After the tree was unloaded a pleasant hour was spent playing games and all went away feeling that they had had a jolly afternoon. The program was as follows:

Recitation in Concert,
Hazel and Alton Luxton, Bertha Mundt
A Little Girl's Speech, Clara Luxton
Song, Little Eskimo,
Hazel and Alton Luxton, Bertha Mundt
Christmas Dream, Raymond White
Santa Claus, Bertha Mundt
Christmas Carol, Alton Luxton
Santa Claus and the Little Helpers, Hazel Luxton
Merry Christmas, Henry White

SOUTH BETHEL

An interesting program was well given by the South Bethel school the afternoon of the 17th. A beautiful tree held many tokens of Christmas cheer. The room was prettily decorated showing much work on both teacher and pupils part. The happy faces and "ready to do" appearance of each and all made the afternoon pass quickly for the many parents and friends who filled the school house.

PROGRAM

Song, America, School
Roll Call, Mottoes, School
The Whole Year, 12 Boys and Girls
Composition, Childhood of Jesus, Lawrence Wood
Dramatization of The Little Red Hen, 1st and 2nd Grades
Cradle Hymn, Quartet, Robley Chase, Dorothy Glines, Erma Harthorne and Clayton Kimball
The Night Before Christmas, 5th and 6th Grades
Composition, Christmas Chimes, Erma Harthorne
Recitation, Eunice Salls
Good Night Song, Lower Grades
Dialogue, Writing Letters, 7 Boys and 6 Girls
Song, Let The Rest Of The World Go By, School

NORTHWEST BETHEL

The school at Northwest Bethel closed a very successful term Friday, Dec. 17, with a social and Christmas tree to which parents and friends were invited. Owing to the fact that one entertainment had already been given this term Miss Godwin thought it advisable to give only a short program which was as follows:

Recitation, Christmas is Coming, Annette Chapman
Recitation, Grandma's Mistake, Dora Perkins
Recitation, Lizzie's Pocket Book, Frances Chapman
Instrumental Music, Mrs. Helen Howard
Recitation, Christmas Day, Albert Verrill
Recitation, Santa Claus Ride, Vivian Eagle
Recitation, A Letter from Santa Claus, Virginia Brown
Recitation, Selfish Little Tommy, George Schools
Song, The Star of Bethlehem, Mrs. Helen Howard
Recitation, December, Carl Eagle
Recitation Xmas Stars, Jeannette and Verna Gibson
Recitation, The Night Before Christmas, School

After the program the gifts were distributed from the prettily decorated tree, and games were enjoyed by the children.

NORTH NEWRY

Mr. Joseph Blaisdell has returned home from the hospital at Rumford, as has S. P. Davis.

John Vail was at home over Sunday from Grafton

The Branch school closed Friday with a Christmas tree and an entertainment by the children.

Mrs. Eva Eames is staying at C. D. Bean's, Bethel, for a few days.

Aunt Betty Kilgore is very low at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kilgore are staying with her. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kilgore of Bethel are also there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight and Mrs. F. W. Wight went to Rumford, Monday.

If you have a relative or friend who has moved away, there is no better gift than a year's subscription to The Oxford County Citizen. It will keep him informed as to what is going on in his home town. Only $1.50 a year

BURNAP'S MILL BURNED

Early Sunday morning the mill on the W. R. Chapman pine lot across the river operated by Mr. Burnap was totally destroyed by fire.

The cause of the fire is unknown. No lumber was burned. There was a small insurance.

Mr. Burnap intends to build again as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAY OF MRS ABBIE CARVER

No family which ever came among us has been more loyally and wholeheartedly identified with our interests or has won a wider and more devoted affection from a whole community than has that of the three generations of which Mrs. Carver is the head. In countless ways has this village been enriched and blessed by their presence since they came ten years ago to make their home within it.

Mrs. Carver's 77th birthday occurred on December 21st and though her state of health unfortunately precluded the wider recognition which would otherwise have been so gladly given, a little group of her closest friends and neighbors called on Tuesday afternoon to offer greetings.

Tea was charmingly served to her callers by Mrs. Mansfield and Miss Marian Mansfield and she was the recipient of many gifts, cards, and notes of remembrance.

The following lines were written and read by one of her neighbors:

Dear good friend of sunny way,
All your neighbors bless the day
Fortune brought you here to stay.
Many things we've learned of you,
Lessons sweet and lessons true,
Learned to bear and learned to do,
Learned of you to see no guile,
Learned of you to serve and smile.
Patiently you've all the while
Brought to your appointed place.
Willing hands and heart of grace,
Loved and worked, with sunlit face.
All the sunshine you have shed
O'er the way your feet were led
We'd pour back upon your head
Resting 'neath it warm and clear
You should know how blest, how dear
You are to all you've come anear.

BETHEL INN

Mr. Charles L. Pollard was a supper guest at the Inn, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Copeland Finley and their daughter, Mrs. L. Bruce Robertson of Montreal are at the Inn for a winter outing. They will be joined by their daughter, Miss Finley, Wednesday, who comes to Bethel from New York to spend the holidays with them.

Mr. H. J. Carlson of Boston was in town, Tuesday.

Mr. E. C. Smith, who represents Winslow & Seannell of Lewiston was in town this week. He motored from Auburn and said he made as good time as he did in the summer, but had to leave his car in Bethel, going to Gorham and Berlin by train. He returned Wednesday and started for home with his car, expecting to cover his territory and spend Christmas with his family

ANDOVER

The King's Daughters met Thursday of last week with the president, Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy.

One hundred and twenty names were registered in the Red Cross drive for membership.

Mrs. John Howey and children were at Rumford, Monday.

Mrs. Bodell has been ill for the past few days.

Mrs. Herbert Morton fell on the steps at R. D. Thurston's store last week and severely injured her knee. She is unable to walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hanson and daughter, Adella, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holton Abbott at South Andover, Sunday.

Howard Dunning was at Rumford with his auto, Saturday.

Annie Akers, who teaches at Rumford, is spending her vacation with her people, Edward Akers and wife.

The King's Daughters are getting boxes of fruit and confectionery to the shut-in people of town for Christmas.

Mrs. Helen Dunn and children were guests of her sister, Mrs. Roger Thurston, Thursday and Friday.

Y. A. and R. L. Thurston were in Rumford, Wednesday of last week.

Florence Akers is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, W. N. Akers and wife.

Lincoln Anderson is spending the winter with Oscar Damon and wife.

The schools in town closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

O. A. Burgess is in very poor health.

Mrs. S. C. Abbott has been seriously ill for the past few days

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE

December 16, Bethel Grange held its regular meeting. The ladies served supper as usual, consisting of baked beans, meat hash, beet pickles, white bread and butter, frosted cake, plain cake, cookies, pumpkin, apple and mince pie, hot coffee.

Our Worthy Master called to order at about 8 o'clock. Opened in form. The first and second degrees were conferred on four candidates. A special meeting was appointed to confer the third and fourth degrees on Dec. 30. All members are expected to be present. As it was very late our Worthy Master decided to omit the literary program. Closed in form. Twenty-six members and five visitors were present.

LONE MT. GRANGE

At the annual meeting of Lone Mt. Grange, Saturday, the following officers were elected:

Master—J. L. Bailey
Overseer—Frank Gordon
Lecturer—Mrs. Minerva Sweatt
Steward—W. W. Perkins
Asst. Steward—Sadie Bailey
Chaplain—Mrs. Charles Andrews
Treasurer—Mrs. Nina Clark
Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Thomas
G. K.—E. M. Bailey
Ceres—Mrs. J. L. Bailey
Pomona—Mrs. W. N. Akers
Flora—Mrs. Frank Field
L. A. S.—Helen Damon
Pianist—Grace Clark

The Grange will have a Christmas tree in the hall Saturday followed by an interesting program. A dinner will be served at noon.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE

The regular meeting of Bear River Grange was held Saturday, Dec. 18, with a good attendance. W. M. read a communication from National Grange Monthly, in regard to the blank pages in the November issue caused by the strike. Grange voted unanimously to support them in the stand they took against the strikers, and further back them up by sending a club of 10 subscriptions to the paper, and this is just what every Grange should do. One candidate was instructed in the third and fourth degree, after which the following program was given:

Song, encore,
Bear River Grange Quartette
A very interesting report was given by some of our members who attended National Grange, Bro. Saunders and wife and Bro. Brinck
Paper, The True Spirit of Christmas Giving, Minnie Bennett
Question: Shall a short form ritual be made available for use where desired? Voted no.
Recitation, , Selma McPherson
Reading from National Grange Monthly, Nellie Chapman
Song, Quartette

W. L. read a report of the year's literary work. The next meeting will be installation of officers.

The officers elect for the ensuing year for Bear River Grange are as follows:

Master—P. O. Brinck
Overseer—Fred Wight
Lecturer—Addie Saunders
Steward—Duncan McPherson
Asst. Steward—Harold Bennett
Chaplain—S. P. Davis
Treasurer—C. F. Saunders
Secretary—E. E. Bennett
G. K.—Earl Davis
Ceres—Etta Brinck
Pomona—Ida Wight
Flora—Selma McPherson
L. A. S.—Thelma Kilgore

NEWRY

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith and two children were at Walter Powers' last Sunday.

G. H. Learned has gone to Grafton to work with his team.

The school will close here next Friday with a Christmas tree and some exercises. Miss Morse has had a very successful term of school and it is hoped she will return to teach the spring term.

EAST SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Turner were in Lewiston on business, Friday.

Rev. W. C. Berkley gave a very interesting Christmas sermon at the Congregational church, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Hattie Bosworth were in the twin cities, recently.

Mrs. Ella Heald will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Park, South Paris.

Mrs. Merlyn Morrill was a guest at her father's, Elroy Russell's, recently.

Guy Russell is in very poor health. His friends gave him over $50 in money, Saturday.

There is a case of scarlet fever in a camp in Hartford near here.

Mrs. Phila Bosworth, who has been assisting with the work at Ray Keene's has returned to West Sumner.

FAREWELL AND RECEPTION

The gathering at Garland Chapel last Thursday evening was quite an unusual event, for seldom does a church and parish tender a farewell and Godspeed to a pastor and wife, who have labored among them twelve years and become not only closely identified with their own special church and people but also have been brought into intimate relations with the village life and its interests—and at the same time welcome a new pastor and wife. This was the privilege of the Congregational church of Bethel.

The members of Gould's Academy Y. M. C. A. and the 20th Century Club, assisted by the young ladies of the Academy Y. W. C. A. were the ushers and did their part most graciously. Rev. and Mrs. Curtis stood at the head of the receiving line and introduced Rev. S. T. Achenbach and wife who have recently come to Bethel and entered upon the pastorate of this church.

After the greetings and introductions a very pleasing program was given.

Piano Solo, Miss Dorris Frost
Vocal Solo, Harold Bartlett
Reading, Prof. Hanscom
Reading, Dr. J. G. Gehring
Vocal Solo, Mrs. I. H. Wight

Miss Vivian Wight was accompanist.

Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable social hour was spent which will always be filled with pleasant memories.

COMMENTS OF THE NEW YORK PAPERS

On Mr. W. R. Chapman's Concert, Dec. 14th

Reviewing the past offerings of concerts given by various choral societies, one of the gala events in musical circles held a representative audience in an enchanted spell for two solid hours at the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf last Tuesday evening. The Rubinstein Club, now in existence a little over thirty-four years gave their hundredth concert. At a side remark the choral society presented to its conductor a gift of a ring embedded in rubies and diamonds as a testimonial to his undying fervor in giving that organization a stellar position among musical organizations. William Rogers Chapman—musician—nothing else matters, whether he is temperamentally cranky—as conductors usually are—or passive and retiring as some symphonic conductors we know of, nothing more in his favor can be said than—William Rogers Chapman—musician, Maestro extraordinare. Two hundred female voices—sounding as if they were part of violins and the contraltos we have in mind. The Nareians and Stabat Mater numbers, they were gems. The orchestral numbers were masterpieces, as conducted by Mr. Chapman.

IMPORTANT OPENING CONCERT

The Rubenstein Club of New York City Gives Its 100th Concert Under the Direction of William R. Chapman

The Rubinstein Club concert, given in the grand ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Tuesday evening, December 14th, of which Mrs. W. R. Chapman is president, and William R. Chapman, conductor, was one of the great musical events of New York the past week. One of the most fashionable audiences ever assembled within its walls were present, and every available inch of space was taken. Director Chapman arranged and conducted a marvellous program which was received with great enthusiasm. The club of 150 soloists never sang better, and his grand orchestra of seventy musicians, which were composed of the finest picked men made a combination that has never been excelled at the Rubinstein concerts.

Mr. Chapman was at his best, and the reading of his orchestral work won for him an ovation which has seldom been equalled in New York. He was presented with a magnificent ring from the Choral members of the club, and the following is the speech of presentation which was given by Miss Mary Jordan Baker, corresponding secretary and treasurer: "Tonight marks an epoch in the history of the Rubinstein Club, for it is the 100th concert given by the club under the baton of W. R. Chapman, who as organizer and conductor of the club has the unique distinction of being the only man in the world who has conducted one club for 100 consecutive concerts. This ring which the Choral gives tonight to our well beloved conductor, bears the insignia of the club. The laurel wreath is the emblem of victory in service. The warm red ruby typifies the loyalty and love of his Choral members, while the diamonds will speak to him of the fidelity and faith we will always have in him."

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

S. T. Achenbach, Pastor

Christmas supper for the people of the parish Friday evening, Dec. 24, at 6.15. Christmas tree and program follow.

Sunday morning, Dec. 26, 10.45. Public worship with New Year sermon. Theme, "The Untried Way." Sunday School follows the service. Evening meeting at 7.00. The pastor will speak.

Prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, at 7.30 o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Morning service at 10.45. Sunday School at 12. Evening meeting at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Friday evening of this week there will be a Christmas supper at the church. All the members of the Sunday School and their parents, and all who attend church here are cordially invited. After supper there will be a short program in the main audience room, then the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. During the afternoon there will be a committee at the church to receive any gifts to be placed on the tree. This is an assembly for old and young to attend and enjoy the Christmas tide.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Ladies Aid will serve a supper at 6.30 Christmas Eve, after which there will be a Christmas tree and a program.

Next Sunday, Dec. 26. Morning worship at 10.30. Subject of sermon, Christmas Is Here. Gifts and pledges will be received for the work of the New England Deaconness Hospital. Sunday School at noon. Evening service at 7.15.

At the Methodist church Sunday evening, Dec. 26, the church choir will sing the cantata, "The Messiah's Coming" under the direction of Mr. Howard Tyler. Following is an outline of the cantata:

1 Organ Preludo
2 Opening Chorus, Hear the Song, with Soprano Solo
3 The Messiah, Soprano Solo
4 Chorus, Christ Our Light
5 Life Without End, with Bass and Tenor Solos and Duet
6 Prophesies Fulfilled, Chorus with Soprano and Contralto Solos
7 The Story of Love, a trio for Soprano, Tenor and Bass
8 Saviour, Like A Shepherd, duet for Soprano and Contralto
9 The Song of Angels, with Tenor and Bass Solos and Mixed Quartet
10 God's Wonderful Gift, Final Chorus

A meeting of Group Two, Augusta District, is called for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 27-28, at Bethel, Me., beginning at 11 A. M. on Monday and closing Tuesday at 3.30 P. M. The following topics will be under discussion:

1 The Church and Present Economic Conditions.
2 The Church and Social Conditions.
3 The Church and Health Conditions.
4 How Can Our Sunday Schools be Made More Effective?
5 Christian Stewardship: a Its Place in Church Economy; b How Promote the Cause?
6 The Evangelistic Program

Prof. Dawber of Boston University will conduct studies in the following subjects:

1 Territorial Responsibility.
2 Local Community Conditions.
3 The Parish Map.
4 Membership Chart.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM

a For Church.
b For Pastoral Work.
c For Religious Education.
d For Community Service.

Lantern slides used at evening service.

The public is cordially invited to these sessions.

RUMFORD POINT

School opened here again Monday after a four weeks' vacation.

Miss W. M. Paddock returned from Portland, Sunday.

J. F. Martin has bought a driving horse of Mrs. Freeborn Bean.

Arthur Ladd sold a nice team to Harry Bryant of Newry, recently.

Kate Blanchard and Jane Kimball are in Portland for a few weeks.

SUNDAY RIVER

Irving French of Bethel was at Harry Williamson's, Sunday.

Herbert Long has gone to Ketchum to work for Bert Brown.

Mr. Tripp of Bear River is doing carpenter work for Harry Bryant.

Powley Lowe is driving Harry Bryant's team, hauling dowels to Bethel.

H. M. Kendall was in Grafton on business the last of the week.

Mildred Spinney is home from Portland for the holidays.

Mrs. Howard Bailey and son, Bruce, have returned to Grafton after a short visit with her parents.

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NORWAY

Mrs. J. L. Gurney, who has been spending the summer and fall in Norway, has returned to her home in Gorham.

Elmer H. Parker has returned from East Stoneham, where he has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Christina Parker, for several weeks.

Guy B. Herrick of Youngstown, O., has been the guest of relatives during the past week.

The high school basketball team defeated the Bridgton Academy team last Friday evening at the Opera House by the score of 63 to 13.

Mrs. Freeman C. Smith went to the C. M. G. Hospital at Lewiston, Thursday for treatment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts of Harrison was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Foss, last week.

Mrs. Eugene Hutchins is the guest of friends in Worcester, Mass., and Rochester, N. H.

A. L. Noyes has opened a cobbler's shop at West Paris.

Station Agent Ruel has returned from St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, with his family, and they are established in the house which he bought on Tucker street.

Edward Hayes of Emmet, Idaho, has been the guest of his sisters, Mrs. J. N. Paver and Mrs. D. F. Bradbury. His mother, Mrs. S. H. Hayes of Oxford, has also been the guest of her daughters for a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Andrews and Miss Nellie L. Andrews left last week for Allston and Acton, Mass., where they will spend the winter.

Miss Eloise Hunt, is at home for the holiday vacation from her studies at Farmington Normal School.

Mrs. Grace A. Pike and children are guests of her father, Maurice Prince, at Mechanic Falls.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION HOME CALENDAR FOR 1921

The Publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as shown at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription ($2.50) is paid for 1921 a Calendar for the new year. The tablets are printed in red and olive green, and besides giving the days of the current month in bold legible type, give the Calendar of the preceding and succeeding month in smaller type in the margin. It is a rich and practical piece of work.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
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Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

POTATO MOSAIC HARD TO CONTROL

Will Scientific Investigations of Plant Lice Solve the Difficulty?

Cooperative work already conducted by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station and the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry have shown the potatoe mosaic is important, is transmissible and is carried by plantlice. Control measures so far attempted have been only partially successful. The Station Council, which includes representatives of the State wide Agricultural Associations have authorized the Entomologist to undertake an investigation in the hope that potato mosaic can be circumvented by an attack on the insects that carry this disease. With this in view the Station plans a study of certain rose and other aphids (plantlice) of Aroostook County.

Now it may seem like a far cry from rose aphids to potatoe mosaic. Once it seemed a far cry from mosquitoes to malaria and yellow fever; or from house flies to typhoid; or from red cedar and ground juniper to rust of apples; or from currants and gooseberries to white pine blister rust. Yet no one would undertake today to fight malaria or yellow fever or typhoid or apple rusts or white pine blister rust without reference to mosquitoes, house flies, certain conifers, and gooseberry bushes.

From studies already made by this Station we know that one of the aphid carriers of potato mosaic spends its winter-egg stage on the rose which plant the spring colonies develop and from which it migrates to potato and other vegetation for the summer. While feeding in the potato fields these aphids pass from plants sick with mosaic to healthy plants, carrying with them the disease which they inoculate when they jab into the tissues of the plant with the sharp beak through which they suck their juicy repast. In the fall this species returns to the rose.

The inference that potatoe mosaic might possibly be controlled by eradicating rose bushes from the vicinity of potato fields is easily deducted from the foregoing statements. The situation, however, is by no means simple. For it is not one species of aphid only that spends the summer on Maine potatoes but several, and only one of these migrates to the rose. The habits, life cycles, and other food plants for these several species are not known. It will be seen therefore that the prospect of excluding aphid carriers of mosaic involves a study of all the species at work upon the potato in the hope that each may have a vulnerable point in its life history where it may be attacked and routed.

Such a hope is not without a foundation. The Maine Agricultural Experi- study of aphids by the Station Entomologist, established the fact of migratory habits of many species which deposit the overwintering ~~ge~~ upon one kind of vegetation (usually shrub or tree) upon which the spring generations feed and from which it flies to another sort of vegetation to pass the summer months. Among such discoveries the following few may be mentioned by way of illustration: the migration of the wooly aphid of the apple leaf cluster of elm tree to apple tree; the migration of a closely related species from leaf roll of elm to June berry (known widely in Maine as the "sugar plum"); the migration of the long beaked aphid from plum to thistle; the migration of the plants; the migration of alder blight aphid from maple to alder; migration of cone gall aphid from black spruce to white pine; and the aforementioned migration of the pink and green aphid of potato from rose to potato.

In each case mentioned, previous to investigation by the Station Enomologist, the single aphid species concerned with each migration has been considered two distinct species so different are their appearance, habits, or type of work upon the two food plants. In each case cited a knowledge of the full life cycle of the aphid has revealed aheretofore unsuspected method of control practical under certain conditions. The indiscretion of attempting to grow perfect plums in a thistle patch, an ornamental maple tree next an untreated alder swamp, etc. etc. becomes apparent.

It is therefore upon a foundation of past successful investigation with other species of aphids, that the hope of future potato aphid control is based —a hope that is in no way a promise; for no scientific inquiry can be undertaken with a pledge as to its outcome. The work of the Station Entomologist on the potato mosaic situation will, of course, be confined strictly, to the insect phases of the work; the Pathologists whose past investigations as to potato diseases have advanced our knowledge of mosaic and other troubles, will continue in their work.

With plant Pathologists and Entomologists united against potato mosaic, shall we not find fresh courage for the outlook?

Chas. D. Woods, Director

MISS PARKER ATTENDS WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

Miss Myra V. Parker, assistant director of the Division of Venereal Diseases of the State Department of Health has just returned from Washington where some 600 men and women have been in attendance at the Institute on Venereal Disease Control and Social Hygiene.

At this conference workers in this field of health from 45 states were present, and several foreign countries were also represented. Miss Parker says that general opinion at the Institute is that a general growth in venereal disease work is going on throughout the country and that recognition of its tremendous value is being accorded in every state. While greater progress is apparently being made in the West, still the work is rapidly being strengthened in Eastern States.

Besides general conferences with leading men in Venereal Disease Service and several personal conferences on subjects peculiar to Maine, Miss Parker during her two weeks in Washington devoted her time largely to four special courses of study. "The Delinquent and the Law" was the name of the main course she attended, at which lectures, two hours daily for the entire fortnight were given by leading authorities on this subject. Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, Director of the Department of Social Protective Measures of the American Social Hygiene Association was chairman of the course.

Half courses in "Sex in Relation to Education," "Protective Work for Girls," and "Methods of Public Education" rounded out Miss Parker's course of study. Dr. W. S. Small, superintendent of the field service of the Educational Research and Development, Interdepartmental Hygiene Board; Miss Jessie Blaford of Hull House, Chicago; and Dr. Joseph Lawrence, Director of the Division of Venereal Diseases of the New York Department of Health were chairmen of these courses.

Dr. Harrison J. Hunt, Director of the Division of Social Hygiene of the Maine Public Health Association was the other representative from Maine at the Institute. Dr. Hunt took advanced courses on diagnosis of Venereal Diseases and attend the demonstrations at Freedman's Hospital.

NORTH WATERFORD

Mrs. Heald, who has been quite sick is gaining now. Mrs. Libby is doing her work.

Walker Nason cut his foot Saturday while working in the woods.

Alton Fernald took dinner at Fred Hazelton's, Sunday.

Will Card has sold his place at Norway.

The spool mill here has shut down for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oliver from Winnegance, who have been visiting at Mr. Goodwin's since Tuesday went to their home Monday. Mrs. Annie Hazelton was a guest there Wednesday.

Mrs. Rilla Marston is working for her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Hatch, since her nurse Mrs. John Adams, went to her home.

Mrs. Lizzie Morse is working at So. Paris for Charles Crockett.

Jesse Littlefield and family were Sunday guests at Lewis Brown's.

Annie Hazelton went to Lewiston, Monday, to attend State Grange which is held there the rest of the week. She went as a delegate from Waterford Grange, No. 479.

Al Goodwin sawed Fred Hazelton's wood Saturday with his gasoline engine. He sawed Mrs. Ella Charles' wood Monday.

Christmas tree at the church Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazelton were Friday guests of Mrs. F. P. Hazelton. Mrs. Hattie Goodwin and Mrs. Clara Oliver were afternoon guests at the same place.

The teacher and scholars at Bisbeetown had a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse, Friday night. Quite a lot of the neighbors were present. The school is closed for two weeks.

WEST PARIS

At a meeting of the citizens called together by West Paris Chamber of Commerce, a committee was appointed to make arrangements to proceed for the incorporation of West Paris village.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wyman are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Union Christmas exercises and tree at the Baptist church Friday evening.

Mrs. Ellen Kimball of Oxford is the guest of her brother, Dr. F. H. Packard.

Mrs. Robert Young and sister were in Lewiston, Thursday.

E. W. Penley passed his 75th birthday, Sunday, Dec. 12, with a gathering of his family, all being present but his youngest daughter, Mrs. Harold Dunham, and family, of Brattleboro, Vt. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penley and son Donald of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and children of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Horrick of South Paris, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Penley and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Penley and children, Miss Alice Penley, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ridlon of West Paris.

Mark Richardson, who is to be employed by L. M. Mann & Son, is moving his family into H. H. Wardwell's house on Church street.

The sale, supper and dance held by Onward Rebekah Lodge on Wednesday evening last week was very successful, both financially and socially. Centennial Hall was made very attractive by the prettily decorated booths. The vegetable and canned goods booth at the right as one entered was decorated in evergreen and pine cones, and was presided over by Mrs. Mary Wyman and Mrs. Marion Mayhew. The fancy work booth was decorated in evergreen and red berries and was presided over by Mrs. Winnie Ridlon, Mrs. Addie Mann and Miss Mabel Ricker. The next, which was the apron table, had for decorations red and green, and its attendants were Mrs. Ina Martin and Mrs. Nettie Chase. The candy and popcorn booth was very pretty with its decorations of red and white crepe paper combined with tinsel, and was attended by Miss Myrtle Dean and Mrs. Ida Rowe. And last but not least the mystery tree attended by Mrs. Minnie Day and Mrs. Ethel Penley. All the booths were well patronized. At 6 o'clock an excellent supper was served to a goodly number, after which dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by Andersons' orchestra, which proved very satisfactory. Altogether the committee in charge feel much pleased with the result of their efforts, and wish to extend their thanks to all who gave their assistance to make it the success it was.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ridlon were in Portland two or three days last week.

Vernal Bates of New Haven, Conn., has been a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates.

Among the ladies who were in Norway, Thursday, were Mrs. E. D. Stillwell, Miss Ruth Tucker, Miss Mabel Ricker, Mrs. Gertrude Stuart, Mrs. F. W. Waterhouse, Mrs. H. R. Tuell.

Six good successive scourings! If you thoroughly scoured your silverware six times, you'd know that it was clean, wouldn't you? That's the way we feel about the wheat for

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We should all be better Christians if we were merrier Christians—throughout the year, not merely on Christmas day. Despondency, gloom, dullness, worry, bad temper, churlishness, sullenness—there is a well-nigh innumerable host of enemies more threatening to our Christianity than levity, the clownish cousin to merriment. People may be merry without being flippant, light-hearted without making light of serious matters, pleasure-loving without losing their souls to pleasure.

And how much simple pleasure Christmas brings to the people of this land! In how many cottages and mansions are people doing on Christmas day just what we are doing, and getting the same worth of happiness from it! We have dressed the tree; we have hung up the stockings; we have ranged the family's presents upon the chairs; and we wake in the morning to the shout, "Merry Christmas!" The church-bells chime in lively cadences; the children exclaim over their gifts and rush to bestow their jubilant, grateful caresses; we laugh and our eyes twinkle; we hear our laughter echoed, and catch the glint of responsive twinkling eyes. On other days we may be silent, preoccupied, or grumpy, but not on Christmas. On that day we have a special pleasure in showing that some people are very dear to us; and we have an extra pleasure if they show that we are dear to them.

And what we are doing and feeling in our little house, the neighbors are doing and feeling in their big or little houses; and on Christmas day the neighborhood stretches across the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In all the churches of the neighborhood, in countless homes of the neighborhood, the story of Christ's birth is read, and children listen starry-eyed. For it is the sweetest story that ever has been or ever will be told.

On every Christmas there is a new birth of love in human hearts. Every Christmas cements families together with a firmer affection; every Christmas draws more persons within the range of each individual's interest and sympathy. Ever widening should be the circle of Christmas cheer and fellowship. And if through adversity or tragedy the circle narrows or is broken Christmas, by the very associations that make it now saddest of days, remains the anniversary that loving hearts most cherish and would be the last to forget.

CHRISTMAS

By George Wilson Jennings

There never has been known in history, a writer that more thoroughly enjoyed, venerated and made more of the Yule-tide season than Charles Dickens. With this world-renowned writer, he fully realized it was a season always most human and kindly, as fully penetrated and irradiated with the feeling of human brotherhood, which is the essential spirit of Christianity. This famous author told an intimate friend, the Christmas prior to his death, that: "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. For this reason I will honor Christmas in my heart and endeavor to keep it all the year."

The splendid legends of the day; the stories and the songs that gather around the very old traditions of woods and mystic rites; the magnificence or simplicity of Christian observance, from the pope in his triple tiara, borne upon his portative throne in gorgeous state to celebrate pontificial high mass at the great altar of St. Peter's, to the humble peasant kneeling at the altar of service of the village church; the lighting of Christmas trees, saving the thick-berried holly, the mistletoe, dear to Druid priests, the laurel, and yew, the bared trees, and the warblers of the sky avoiding their desolate branches. We are driven inward. The fireside is the centre of a thousand charms as well as attractions, hanging up the Christmas stockings, the generous giving, the happy meetings and the many reunions. The home is clothed in the most splendid garments. We are forced to the conclusion that we need more help than Mother Earth can give us, the sumptuous dinner, the many games, the dance, —they are all the natural signs and symbols, the flower and fruit of Christmas, for Christmas is the day of days which declares the universal human consciousness that peace on earth comes only from good will to men.

The principal charm of Christmas is its simplicity; it is a festival that appeals to all because every one can understand it. A general fellowship pervades our common life, a fellowship whose source is our common share in the gift of the world's greatest Life which was given to the whole world. Our hearts open instinctively to heaven and its message, and with willing feet we hasten to do the will of Him, "who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor."

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

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template pre-war prices or rates, but they do aim toward establishing a reasonable margin of profit upon everything that is bought and sold. It does not matter whether this be railroad fares, the price of electric lights or power, gas, telephones or shoes and stockings.

Out of the war labor has progressed and the fact that a higher rate of service is demanded by the public than ever before has created a demand for competent labor, which in turn demands salaries and wages commensurate with the service that it renders. You have in these facts a basic condition which the American public not only accepts, but which it has made, and insists upon keeping. In these firmly established relations there are found reasons which every one has recognized, as well as various reasons why prices of all kinds must remain higher than in past years.

SLIGHTLY BEHIND THE TIMES

A number of different States are endeavoring to perpetuate cheap railroad fare. The administrative and legal authorities of all States know that Congress assumed government control of the railroads in passing the transportation act, by which the roads were returned to private ownership. There is no question that Congress had this right, and it was a step that was taken after a dozen years of violent discussion. In order to carry out his policy the Interstate Commerce Commission was clothed with administrative powers to fix intrastate rates. This power was conferred in such a manner as to meet all the obstructive objections that had been urged in the past by different States. Therefore the attempts of a number of States to perpetuate a cheaper rate within their borders than rates in effect in adjoining States is merely the resurrection of an effort that was made defunct when the present railroad law was enacted. These efforts to secure favoritism do not contain an element that is new, and the courts passed upon these questions so long ago that Congres had no difficulty whatever in thoroughly fastening the loose butons when Federal control was made a fact. The theory of the relations between the Government and the railroads is simple enough, since it merely contemplates an absolutely equal basis of rates for all people in all States, with favors for none, so arranged that the net returns will pay to stockholders of American railroads a percentage upon their investments equal, and not greater, than that which big and little industries and mercantile establishments demand as their compensation for doing business.

ANOTHER BURLESONESQUE EXHIBIT

The report of Postmaster General General Burleson for the fiscal year 1920 shows a deficit of $17,276,482, the second largest deficit ever known in the Post Office Department. Mr. Burleson blames the deficit upon Congress, claiming that it was due to the war bonus paid to postal employes under Congressional order. In effect, Burleson wanted the Post Office employes of the country to work for wages that meant starvation, and when Congress had the good sense to rule otherwise, Burleson lacked the gray matter necessary to put his house in order to meet the new conditions.

It seems quite useless to discuss Mr. Burleson; It is better worth while to congratulate the country upon the fact that the oPt Office Department has succeeded in spite of him. It is a further source of gratification that he will take his umbrellas and rubbers and his old fashioned victoria and remove himself from the realms of Post Office life within a few short weeks.

SHUTTING OFF IMMIGRATION

Congress is clamping the lid down on indiscriminate immigration, and the flood of foreigners who have been rushing to our shores is to be checked for at least a year. The immigrants to be admitted will come here under very stringent regulations, the chief of which will be that they will join relatives who are already American citizens. Here we have a condition where our own citizens stand as sponsors for foreigners who are permitted to land upon our shores. Obviously the proper thing to do is to close the ports of the United States to immigrants until conditions in this country have resumed a normal status. Then they can be opened upon terms which will insure the admission of only those foreigners who come with a high respect for the American Government and its institutions and with a desire to become American citizens.

"HIM HAVE GOOD FACE"

Senator Harding's smile has won him a handsome Indian blanket. Nana Carrothers Leaming, matron of an Indian school at Polacca, Arizona, tells the story.

An Indian woman from the mountains saw Senator Harding's picture in a trader's place. "Him look good; him have good face; him honest man," was her comment. The trader told her he was to be the next "big white chief at Washington." He said his name was Harding. At the woman's request, the trader wrote the name "Harding" on a slip of paper.

In a few days the Indian woman returned to the trader's store and unfolded a beautiful blanket that she had made. The trader immediately offered to buy it, and asked her. "How much?" "Me no sell," she answered. "Me make it for Harding. See him name?" In the blanket, beautiful in color and design, was woven the name, "Harding." "Send to him for me," she said, as she turned to go. "Him good man—him good white chief."

NEW DIRECTOR OF SAVINGS DIVISION, FIRST FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

Mrs. F. L. Higginson has resigned as director of the Savings Division of the First Federal Reserve District, and her resignation took effect recently. Governor Charles A. Morss of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank has named F. C. Ayres, government director, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Ayres is thoroughly in touch with the Division's affairs, having been successively manager and associate director during the past fifteen months, and has had a business experience which fits him for the work.

Mr. Ayres was for eighteen years treasurer and general manager of the J. C. Pearson Co., of Boston. As a volunteer he served from October 1917 to October 1918 as assistant manager of the conservation department of the New England Fuel Administration, then for six months he was a volunteer with the Red Cross under James Jackson's administration of the New England headquarters. He took up his work with the Savings Division on March 1, 1919, previous to the Victory Loan campaign, in which he did much work. He served for a time as business manager and more recently as associate director.

Mrs. Higginson has served as a volunteer ever since the creation of the Savings Division about two years ago, and some of the policies he inaugurated have been adopted in other Federal Reserve districts. Features of the work done by the New England division, under the Treasury Department, have attracted national attention from bankers and others, and the work has been commended by the president of the American Bankers Association, among others.

In writing his acceptance of Mrs. Higginson's resignation, Governor Morss says:

"It is with much regret that I accept your resignation. In doing so I wish to express to you my appreciation of the great work which you have done during the past two years in the position which you are now leaving. It was through your influence that the principle was established that it was necessary to teach thrift and savings, for the benefit of the individual and the benefit of the public."

Find lost articles through the Citizen Want Column

CANTON

Mrs. Joseph L. Gammon and two children have been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perley Delano and family of Rumford.

Miss Irene Witham of Mechanic Falls has been a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Phoebe Sampson.

Charles Henry Berry, one of Hartford's aged residents, passed away early Friday morning after several months illness following a paralytic shock. Mr. Berry was 74 years of age. His wife who survives him was Miss Abbie Robinson. He also leaves five sons, Hermon R. and Harlan of Hartford, Leroy A. of Allston, Mass., Leon M. of Hartford, and Rev. Charles H. Berry, Jr., of So. Eliot, and one daughter, Mrs. Etta Varney of Turner, also several grandchildren. He was a member of Whitney Lodge, No. 107, F. & A. M. of Canton Grange, P. of H. The funeral was held Sunday at one o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Butterfield of Mexico have been guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Butterfield, and family of Lake street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Packard have closed their home for the winter and are with their son, Arthur M. Packard, and family at Rumford.

Mrs. Evelyn Dunn has returned home from Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tyler of Salem, Depot, N. H., are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler, and family for a few weeks.

Miss Angie Swett of Berwick is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Swett.

Mrs. Charles C. Ellis has recovered from her late illness.

Harold Walker and friend, Miss Mildred Snipe, of Bath will spend Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. French, and aunt, Mrs. J. Florence Hollis.

Charles Hines and family have moved to the Bisbee rent on High street.

Mrs. Effie Davenport has retuned home from Auburn.

Mrs. Thomas A. DeCosta has been visiting in Lewiston for a few days.

Miss Mary McDowell is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Cyrus Shaw, of Portland and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, of Princeton.

Herbert Haskell went to Hebron this week to stop with a cousin and attend school.

A basketball game played at Canton between the Mexicos and Cantons resulted in a victory for the Cantons in a score of 21 to 16.

B. W. Jackson is in poor health.

The schools have closed for the holiday vacation.

A post card shower was sent to E. E. Westgate of 21 Pleasant street, Salem, Mass., this week by his Canton friends. Mr. Westgate, who was a former citizen is recovering from pneumonia.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held at the vestry for work.

Miss Ruth Gammon has closed her school at Severy Hill and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas plan to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. H. Towle, and family of Dixfield.

Prof. O. K. Hollister of Westbrook Seminary occupied the pulpit of the Universalist church, Sunday. He was entertained while in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alden E. Johnson.

The Ladies' Aid held a sale of fancy articles, aprons and confectionery Wednesday afternoon and evening and a supper was served at six o'clock which was well patronized.

Friends of Mrs. E. F. Phillips of Livermore will regret to learn of her death last Wednesday. She was born in Canton and was 69 years of age. She was the daughter of Simeon and Rosetta Jones Brett, and is survived by her husband and six children, also ten grandchildren and three sisters.

KEEP YOUR W. S. S. AND LIBERTY BONDS

F. C. Ayres, director of the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, warns people against the sharks who are particularly active at this time trying to induce people to part with their War Savings Stamps and other government securities at unfair prices. Mr. Ayres pointed out that during the holiday shopping season when people of small means particularly are anxious to secure ready money, they may make the mistake of selling their savings stamps below the price, that the government stands ready at all times to pay through the postoffice. People also may be induced to sell Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes below even the prices prevailing in the stock market. Anyone who is forced to part with their Liberty Bonds, according to Mr. Ayres, should be very careful and go to a legitimate broker or to a bank in order to make sure that they lose nothing, either on the market value of the bonds, or on the accumulated interest. For those who are unfamiliar with figuring interest on the bonds, there is danger that a sharp bargain hunter may cheat them.

Mr. Ayres calls attention to the manner in which the federal authorities in San Francisco recently cooperated with the Government Savings Organization in that city, and prosecuted people who were purchasing War Savings Stamps in violation of the law.

The specific charge made against these persons was that of altering government obligations. The law provides that only the owner of the stamps shall redeem them, and there are certain rules laid down, sustained by decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, which are supposed to safe-guard the purchaser from just such impositions as have been practiced. The scheme was to reap profit by purchasing the stamps from the persons who had bought them from the government, and to pay from 10 to 15% less than they actually were worth. The statue provides that a purchaser shall not buy more than $1000 worth of War Savings Stamps, and this law had been violated by the concerns, which it was charged, had in their possession many thousands of dollars worth of the stamps. The San Francisco authorities also are considering prosecutions against the money sharks for transacting an illeged illegitimate business through the mails. The stamps are sold at $4.12 in January, and go up one cent a month, then are redeemable five years from Jan. 1 of the year of each issue. The stamps are attached to certificates bearing the name of the purchaser. The dealers who have purchased these certificates, it is alleged, remove the stamps from the original certificates and affix them to new certificates made out in the name of one of their employees or agents, so that they could be redeemed at the postoffice merely by buying one new stamp. An examination of the books of the San Francisco postoffice is said to have shown that various dealers cashed more than $100,000 worth of War Savings Stamps during the past few months. It also was claimed that some of the dealers handled stamps obtained from house breakers.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Ethel Cole was a guest of her sister, Bertha, at Bethel, Sunday.

L. P. Bryant is quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. A. R. Stowell was in Portland, Monday.

Stanley Bartlett visited friends at South Paris, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis of Newry were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swan.

Mrs. King Bartlett and Sidney were in Lewiston, shopping, Monday.

Annie Cross is enjoying a short vacation from her studies at Bliss Business College.

Mrs. L. E. Cole was in Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. McAllister and Clarence of Albany were guests of her daughter, Mrs. Clifford McAllister, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bartlett, Mrs. W. H. Crockett, Mrs. Owen Davis, Mrs. Willie Bennett and Bertha Kimball attended Grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

WEST GREENWOOD

Dr. R. R. Tibbetts and Walter Bartlett, both of Bethel, were in town one day last week in the interest of life insurance.

Janet Campbell and Gertrude Harrington are enjoying their vacation from Gould's Academy.

Thomas Kennagh, Jr., was at South Paris and Lewiston last week.

Leonard Armstrong was at W. A. Holt's several days the past week.

Annie Cross is at home from her school at Auburn for a week.

Mrs. George Conner spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with her aunt and friends at Bethel.

Mary Harrington returned from Lewiston, Saturday. She will spend her Christmas recess at home.

Mrs. W. C. Cross and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Ruth Cole at Locke's Mills.

Perley Flanders of Skillingston was in town, Sunday.

John Kenagh and Kenneth were at Norway and Paris, Friday of last week.

Annie Cross visited at M. H. Harrington's, Sunday.

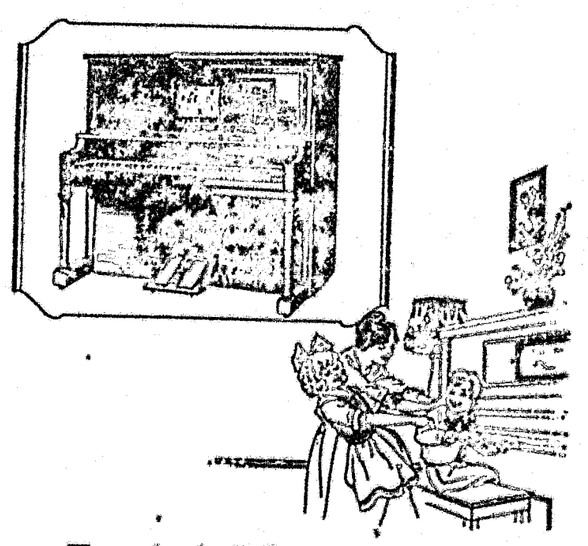
Lillian Cross attended a basketball game at Bryant Pond, Friday evening.

Alton and Charles Bartlett of Hanover were in town, Sunday.

Peter Seames and son, Stanley, of Greenwood Center visited his brother, Will Seames, Sunday.

Lillian Cross is spending her Christmas vacation at her home.

Our want and for sale ads will be found on page 8.



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Miss Cleo Swett is enjoying her vacation at her home in town.

Miss Adeline DeCoster of Norway and Mr. Jasper Everett of Brewer, Me., were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Durkee, recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis after a week's visit with Dr. Baker's family in Auburn will return, again to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gehring for the month of January.

The Fast Noble Grands Association has had a very successful year, enjoying many evenings at the different homes and especially at the homes of the absentees.

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Portland Cement
sometimes lime
Glass & Outside Windows
Odd sizes made to order
Matched Spruce Flooring
Why pay over $200 for hardwood
Zinc, Galv. Sheets & Solder
also Pipe and Fittings and a few Cream Tanks ready for use
Matched Pine Sheathing
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Mr. Fred Holt is in Portland for treatment.

Clarence McDonald from South Paris was in town, Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Chandler has returned to her home at South Paris.

Mrs. W. B. Chapman is home from New York for the week.

Miss Mary G. Chapman has closed her house and gone to Portland for the winter.

Mr. Fred Wheeler and son, Earlyn, were in Norway, Saturday, guests of relatives.

Miss Cecelia McKenzie of Mason is working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Robertson.

Mrs. Ellen Brown and son, Lawrence, were guests of relatives in Auburn a few days this week.

Miss Helen Brown is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Tyler, at West Bethel.

Miss Elizabeth Chapman is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Upton.

Miss Marjorie Farwell is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell. She is attending school in Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Curtis were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Tibbetts at supper and a pleasant evening, Monday.

Misses Ruth and Allen Brown are spending their vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Ida Douglass was in Norway, Monday.

Mr. F. E. Hanscom was in Lewiston, recently.

Mrs. Maude O'Reilly was in town, Monday.

Miss Marion Hutchins was in Norway, Saturday.

Mr. Walter Bartlett was in West Bethel, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Bartlett spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. Albert Procter spent the week end in Lewiston.

Mr. E. C. Park was in Portland on business, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffin of Gilead were in town, Saturday.

Mr. F. I. Bean left Monday for Lewiston to attend State Grange.

Mr. Walter Bartlett was at Poland Spring on business, Thursday.

Mrs. H. H. Hastings and Mrs. I. H. Wight were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. C. W. Hall and Miss Harriet Merrill were in Portland, Thursday.

Master Guy Thurston is spending the week with relatives in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. E. N. Robertson is spending some time in South Paris and Norway.

Mr. H. C. Barker left Monday for Togus, Maine, where he will spend the winter.

Messrs. Arthur Herrick and Lester Cobb were in Portland, Saturday, on business.

Miss Marian Mansfield is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ella Mansfield.

Mrs. W. C. Bryant has been the guest of her son, Myron Bryant, in Portland for a few days.

Mrs. A. M. Merrill and little daughter and Mrs. Harry Inman were in Norway, Thursday.

Misses Evelyn Kimball and Isabel French of Rumford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox and Miss Marion Bean were week end guests of G. D. Robinson at South Paris.

Mr. Ray Parker, who is attending Wentworth Institute, Boston, is spending the Christmas recess in Bethel.

Mrs. Emma Bartlett, Mrs. Effie Hall and Mr. Walter Douglas of West Bethel were Sunday guests at F. I. Clark's.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at Paris, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, at West Bethel.

Mrs. C. L. Davis left Tuesday for Portland, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Wormell, and family.

Miss Muriel S. Park, Smith, '21, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park.

Master Warren Hutchinson of West Bethel was a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Skillings, Saturday.

Miss Marion Frost is spending the Christmas holidays with her father, Mr. A. C. Frost and sister, Miss Dorris Frost.

The Grammar School closed Friday for a week's vacation with appropriate exercises and Christmas trees in the various rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler are receiving felicitations on the arrival of a son, born Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mrs. Abbott's Hospital.

Mr. Eugene Van Den Kerekhoven of the U. of M., is spending the holiday recess with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerekhoven.

Mr. Alton Richardson of Durham, N. H., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson. He is clerking in the store of Ceylon Rowe & Son this week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will give a Christmas supper at the vestry Friday evening at 6.30, followed by a Christmas entertainment and tree.

Mr. Malcolm R. Bean, H. U. Law School, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. G. P. Bean. Mr. Bean is treasurer of the organization to raise funds for the Nanking drive at the Law School, and also one of the interdepartmental directors of the drive.

The Message Bearer

By T. B. ALDERSON

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"They tell me you are going down to Leesville, Dacre."

"Why, yes, I expect to visit the old folks for a week or two."

"Would you deliver a message for me to a friend there?"

"Certainly," responded Lynn Dacre, frank, clear-eyed, accommodating, something of a contrast to Marvin Britt on this especial occasion who, while a thoroughly good fellow, was just now chuckling secretly over a trick, or rather a double trick he was playing. Innocently enough, however, he tendered Dacre a sealed envelope. The latter paled, then he reddened, then he observed confusedly:

"Is it just the right thing for me to do? It is for Miss Wanda Berteau, I see, and you know—"

"Just how matters stand, Dacre. See here, we are good friends and don't have to mind matters. You and I appeared in the run for her favor and I won out because you were possessed of the modest opinion that you were not good enough for her. In my humble estimation you are worthy of the attention and confidence of the best woman in the world. Between you and I, Wanda and I are having some serious correspondence. Why shouldn't you be my message bearer? You would like to see Wanda again, wouldn't you?"

"I can't deny it, but strained relations, you see," floundered Dacre.

"Nonsense! No embarrassment is necessary. She values you as a friend and something more, perhaps. You never obtrude your silent devotion upon her. She will be glad to see you, I am sure."

Marvin Britt had indeed outdistanced Lynn Dacre in the race for the exclusive regard of Wanda Berteau. That young lady had come to Brandon to enchance the adoration of both. Britt made furious love. Dacre dropped out of the race feeling that he was no match for the most brilliant, if flighty, young man in the district. When Wanda returned to her home town it was current gossip that she and Britt were engaged.

Dacre left his friend slightly flustered. Miss Berteau lived at the town where he was going, and he had hoped to catch at least a fleeting glimpse of the only woman he had ever loved during his visit, but would never have ventured to obtrude himself upon her presence.

Dacre made his journey and about all he had in his mind was the prospective call upon Miss Berteau. He did not put this into effect until the second day after his arrival. With some misgiving as to how the young lady might receive him he rang the doorbell of the Berteau home. Wanda was at home alone and came to the door. Perhaps she craved any companionship to alleviate the monotony of her loneliness. Perhaps she was heartily glad to see some one from the town where it was considered she had lost her heart. At all events she greeted Dacre like an old and dear friend. She invited him in and acted as if this was a desirable preface to a leisurely visit.

"I come at the request of Mr. Britt," spoke Dacre, but at this Wanda's brows met in what seemed to be pretty indifference, and she said:

"Tell me about my girl friends, and the town generally."

So they chatted, and when Dacre arose to leave he sighed gently, for it had indeed been to him a rapturous hour. Wanda did not open the letter he had brought during his stay. In fact Dacre was somewhat surprised to note how carelessly she tossed it aside. She did not ask him to call again, but the next day he met her on the street.

Wanda shook hands with him genially. "I hope you will not forget us during your brief stay," she remarked. "My sisters will be home from a visit day after tomorrow, and if you are the excellent tennis player you were I am sure you will add to the pleasure of the afternoon."

There was a change in Wanda that Dacre could not help but notice. There seemed to be a latent excitement or emotion underlying all she said, as though her mind was constrained yet filled with a sentiment of greater kindliness towards him. Each day after that she drew closer and dearer to him. The one upon which he bade her farewell she asked him a question. It was:

"Would you object to conveying a note to Mr. Britt for me?"

"Certainly not," replied Dacre, and he did not soon forget the probing, vivid look she bestowed upon him when he left her.

"Read that," said Britt, in a careless, off handed way when Dacre handed him Wanda's letter the next day. It read:

"You are entirely right in judging that our brief companionship was not to me an episode of love. As you avow the same conviction as to your own state of feeling, let us forget all about it."

And then Britt showed Dacre a copy of the letter he had sent to Miss Wanda Berteau. It told of his simple friendly feeling towards her and added:

"My message bearer loved you before I ever saw you. He loves you now—a worthy, loyal fellow who will deserve the reciprocal devotion you may experience."

And, putting the loose ends of a disjointed romance together, Lynn Dacre believed that there was great hope for the future.

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BETHEL, MAINE

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1920.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners of the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1920, committed to me for collection for said Town on the first day of May, 1920, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefore, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1921, at nine o'clock A. M.

Geo. E. Brooks,	Homestead Farm,	$2.36	$1.00
James Burhoe,	Mitchell Farm,	25.20	1.00
Ernest Luxton,	G. Bean Farm,	55.53	1.00
Howard F. Maxim	Homestead Farm,	44.10	1.00
	Chase Homestead,	9.45	1.00
	Cummings Farm,	1.58	1.00
Geo. Osgood,	Homestead Farm,	22.05	1.00
Deborah Swan,	Homestead on Mill Hill,	15.75	1.00
Sadie Vashaw,	Emery Homestead Farm,	189.00	1.00
Mike Vashaw,	Homestead Farm,	9.45	1.00
Heirs of G. W. Willey,	Homestead,	6.30	1.00
Thomas Westleigh,	Homestead Farm,	13.39	1.00
	Swamp Land,	2.36	1.00

December 20, 1920.

F. B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1920.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1920, committed to me for collection for said Town on the first day of May, 1920, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefore, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1921, at nine o'clock A. M.

T. P. Blake,	H. Bartlett Farm,	$15.75	$2.00
Henry A. Cross,	Land at West Bethel,	3.15	2.00

December 20, 1920.

F. B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Andover, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1920.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Andover, aforesaid, for the year 1920, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 22nd day of April, 1920, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefore, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1921, at nine o'clock A. M.

Mrs. C. J. Swett,	F. A. Russell Stand,	$63.72	$2.00
Mrs. Cordelia Verirat,	Elsie Roberts Stand,	8.85	2.00

December 20, 1920.

A. L. LANG,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Andover.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Etta Bartlett has returned home from Berlin, N. H.

Miss Elsie Bartlett, a teacher in the schools of Dover, N. H., is at her home here for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Loretta Bean has closed her home here for the winter and gone to Norway. Later she will visit relatives in Lawrence, Mass.

Robert and William Hastings, students at the U. of M., Orono, Me., are at their home here for the holiday vacation.

Hugh and Wendell Clark of Auburn are spending a two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon M. Kimball and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kimball of Brookline, Mass., will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swan are attending the Maine State Grange at Lewiston, delegates from Alder River Grange.

Misses Thurston and Cummings closed their schools here Dec. 18 with a fine entertainment at the Grange Hall.

Miss Edna Bartlett is at home from teaching, also the Gould's Academy students for the holidays.

RUMFORD

Daniel Duncan of Virgin street who has been seriously ill, is now on the gain.

Miss Hazel Lapham is in Boston, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Woods.

The supper and sale held at the Virginia Chapel netted the ladies about $60.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker died last week after a few days' illness.

A. Gilbert of Richmond, Maine, is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eugene Coulombe, of Front street.

Mrs. Frank Patterson is able to be out once again, after her recent illness.

Claude Rolfe is working in Harry Marx's store during the holidays.

Stanley Peterson and wife have closed their home for an indefinite time, and are stopping with her mother, Mrs. Haines.

The local order of Eagles is making a drive for new members. At the present time the membership is between 250 and 300.

The names of Waldo Pottengill and Frederick O. Eaton of Rumford appeared as members of the State Committee of the new organization just formed in Maine, and is known as the United Americans of the State of Maine.

A ten pound son was born to the wife of Claude Gilpatrick last week, who has been named Claude, Jr. Mrs. Gilpatrick was before her marriage, Miss Louisa Noyes, daughter of Dr. Laura Fellows Noyes.

Stanton Swett and Harry Fisher, students at the University of Maine, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Eleanor Hayes of Walnut Hill has been engaged as instructor in English at the Rumford High School, to take the place of Miss Hazel MacGregor, resigned.

Mr. Bert Lawrence is visiting his sister in Fredericton, N. B.

Harry M. Mills of the Oxford Paper Company is the Oxford County representative on the Board of Directors of the Transportation Board of the State Chamber of Commerce. Each county in the State of Maine is represented in the interests of the development of the transportation of the State.

The wedding of Willard T. Bartlett of Rumford to Miss Cathryn F. Harrington of Portsmouth, N. H., occurred recently in Portsmouth. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Bartlett of Rumford.

The wedding of Miss Phyllis Cobb and Mr. Robert Hutchins is soon to take place. Miss Cobb has been employed at the Rumford Falls Trust Company for the past year or two, and after her marriage will again resume her position.

As near as can be estimated at the present writing, it is expected that the ladies of the Baptist church made about $400 at their fair and supper held last week.

Charles Smith, Hudson Brennick, Frank Levi, Millard Hicks, Miah Shea and Mike Gentile, who were all in the class of 1920 of the Rumford High school, and are now freshmen at the University of Maine, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

A quartet is being organized from some of the best male singers at Rumford High school, Mr. Dexter being in charge. Those competing are Angus Hutchinson, soprano; Frederick Dunham, tenor; Maurice Young, tenor; Donovan Jenkins, bass; Fletcher Shea, bass; Warren Carlson, bass; Gerald O'Neil, baritone.

At a meeting of interested freshmen at the high school, Charles Anderson was elected temporary captain and Joseph Orino was elected manager of the basketball game.

Miss Adelaide Hopkins is at the McCarty Hospital, where she has been operated upon for appendicitis.

Hershel Hoyt is recovering from diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe of Brockton, Mass., are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Lowe was before her marriage Miss Hattie Varney, a graduate of Rumford high school, and living for many years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Pratt of Franklin street.

Rev. Maurice Reynolds, formerly of this town, has been accepted as a chaplain in the regular army, and has been assigned to a cantonment in Florida, for which place he and Mrs. Reynolds will soon leave. Mrs. Reynolds was formerly Miss Helen Atwood of this town, daughter of Mr. Fred Atwood, and she and Mr. Reynolds have of late been living in New York State.

A vigorous campaign has just ended among the children who have been busily engaged selling stamps for the Maine Health Crusade. The pupils of the schools sold a number amounting to $339.40, the pupils of the Pettengill school leading in the sale with the amount of $93.50, with the Chisholm school next with $82.00 worth. The largest individual seller in the grades was Olive Elliott.

Notices have been posted at the Maine Coated Paper Company mill that the mill will close down from December 24th until January 3rd, this effecting all hands. The International mill is all running on 5 days time a week, and different rooms at the Continental Paper Bag mill are curtailing.

All the stores in town are open every evening this week. After the holidays the stories will discontinued keeping open on Wednesday evenings until after February.

A benefit concert and eight reels of pictures took place at Majestic Theater on Sunday evening, the proceeds to go for helping the poor and needy of Rumford at Christmas time. The committee in charge are O. Phillault, Geo. Hay, Alex Law, Edward Labrecque and Elias McKenna.

Principal Paul W. Monohon of the Rumford High school has received word that Rumford High school is again admitted to the Bates College Interscholastic Debating League. Since the organization of the league in 1913, Rumford High school has won all the preliminary and final contests up to 1917, when Maine Central Institute won the cup by a tie in the final contest. In 1918, they won the prelimary, but lost in the final contest, and in 1919, did not gain in the preliminary contest. The question for debate this year is: "That the Federal Government should adopt an immigration policy toward the Chinese and Japanese similar to that applied to immigrants from Europe.

Mrs. Claudia Blanchard and daughter, Lucene, of Franklin street are spending the Christmas holidays in Madison, Maine, the guests of Mrs. Blanchard's aunt.

Mrs. Charles Cushman and young son of Portsmouth, N. H., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Simpson, of Franklin street.

Dr. C. M. Bisbee of Franklin street left on Wednesday for an extended trip through the South and West.

Miss Mabel Chase is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Portland.

Miss Elizabeth Boothbay, a teacher in the Chisholm school, who has been boarding at I. W. Greene's on Franklin street, will upon her return from her Christmas vacation, take board and room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poulin on Franklin street.

Miss Mary Hanley, teacher of music in the public schools of the town, is spending her vacation in New York City.

Mr. Ridar Christianson spent Christmas with his fiancee, Miss Mildred Smith, of Knox street.

RICHARDSON HOLLOW

Charles Thurston of West Paris is working for R. E. Chapman.

Oscar Richardson was in Norway, Saturday.

G. W. Richardson was at South Paris on business one day last week.

Alma and Janet Noyes of Norway spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson are attending State Grange in Lewiston.

Perley Tripp spent Saturday and Sunday in Bethel, the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. A. Packard.

Mrs. Grant of Yarmouth is visiting her daughter, Frances, at G. W. Richardson's.

Supt. F. E. Russell visited school here Monday.

Christmas Special

Handsome Dress Satins, $2.50 yard

The same quality that was $4.00 a yard a short time ago. The colors are black, navy, copen, seal brown, grey and tan, 36 in. wide. A very reliable quality.

Practical Christmas Gifts

When you give a Gift, you aim to secure something that will be acceptable to the recipient and will give pleasure and satisfaction. Is there anything that affords more pleasure and satisfaction than to receive a gift that you can make practical use of? Instead of trying to find something for a gift that looks pretty, determine to buy something that's practical as well as pretty. More and more people are giving practical, sensible gifts every year. Join them—give sensible, practical Gifts this Christmas— You can find such Gifts at Brown, Buck & Co.

Christmas Special

Beautiful Silk Poplin 95c yard

A nice looking dress can be made at a small cost, colors are black, navy, copen, grey, brown and green. The $1.50 quality for 95c.

A FUR FOR A XMAS GIFT

Furs make not alone an acceptable, but truly sensible and the richest gift you can make. A generous reduction on Furs now, many have been waiting for this mark down, so if you are intending to buy Furs, we advise early selection.

Muffs of Raccoon, Japanese Mink, Opossum, Fox, Skunk, French Lynx, China Wolf and Seal. Prices range from $9.95 to $29.75.

FUR NECK PIEECS of China Wolf, Skunk, Raccoon, French Lynx and French Coney. Prices range from $9.95 to $29.75.

GLOVES SURE TO PLEASE

Can you imagine anything more acceptable to a woman than a pair of Gloves? You may not know the size, but she has the privilege of exchanging them here for the right size.

KID GLOVES, good quality, $2.50 and $3.00 pair.

WORSTED GLOVES, many qualities, 87c to $1.95.

BATH ROBES FOR GIFTS

It matters not who the woman is, whether she is mother, sister or friend, a bath robe will be appreciated because it is suitable and practical. Beautiful coloring and a large number to select from, many are satin trimmed. Robes for $5.95, 7.50, 7.98, 8.98, 9.95, 12.50.

GIVE HER SILK STOCKINGS

and be sure they are "As You Like It" Brand, because they are the best. They fit beautifully and give really excellent wear.

"AS YOU LIKE IT" Brand Silk Hose, $2.19 pr.

BERKSIRE BRAND Silk Hose, $1.00 pr.

LEATHER GOODS, GOOD GIFTS

When making a gift of leather, one is sure that the gift can be made good use of because it is a gift that is practical.

PURSES of many kinds, $1.25 up to $4.95.

HAND BAGS, $2.95 up to $7.50.

SHOPPING LISTS, ADDRESS BOOKS, MIRROR AND COMB CASES, 50c each.

VALUABLE PAPER CASES, eight compartments, a very handy case, the price only $1.25.

New Cretonnes

We are now displaying a beautiful variety of Cretonnes, entirely new patterns, many practical gifts can be made.

New Ribbons

New Camisole Ribbons, new Ribbons for hair bows, Ribbon for all purposes.

Sweet Grass Baskets

and all the fixings such as thimble case, needle case, scissors point protertor, pin cushions.

Other novelties of sweet grass—Drinking glass case, Crochet and Knitting Case, Nut Basket, Sewing Basket, Handkerchief Case, Hair Pin case, Button case, and Sewing sets.

SILK PETTICOATS

Ideal for gifts. Many will be tempted to buy for themselves as as well as for gifts.

SILK PETTICOATS, $3.95, $4.95, $5.95.

PETTICOATS, Heatherbloom top and silk flounce, $2.95.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

Handkerchiefs are by all odds the one thing more generally given as Christmas offerings than any other single object. The lavishness of our Handkerchief display with its nice quality goods numbering into the thousands leave no room to doubt that we have anticipated your desire. Handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

A GIFT SUGGESTION FOR MEN

Buy a New Winter Coat for Your Wife

Buy her a real sensible gift—one that will give her greatest pleasure and one she can secure greatest service from. Here are Coats that are in the very newest fashions and made of such materials that women are calling for every day.

Notice the Great Mark Down

Coats that were $67.50.....now $45.00
Coats that were 55.00.....now 39.75
Coats that were 49.75.....now 34.75
Coats that were 45.00.....now 29.75
Coats that were 29.75.....now 22.45
Coats that were 24.75.....now 19.75

Ladies' Suits Greatly Reduced

Suits of the best materials in the most favored styles, trimmed in various ways, figured silk lining.

Suits that were $45.00.....now $29.75

Xmas Sale of Blankets

Includes Beautiful Plaids in wool and cotton, wool finish in white, tan and grey with fancy border. Fine Wool Blankets, cotton in grey, white and tan with fancy border.

Blankets that were $3.95.....now $3.25
Blankets that were 4.95.....now 3.85
Blankets that were 6.95.....now 4.45
Blankets that were 9.95.....now 7.45
Blankets that were 12.50.....now 9.95
Blankets that were 16.50 and 18.00.....now 12.45

Useful Gifts for the Children

Ideal Xmas Gifts are Gifts that are useful: Gloves, Mittens, Garters, Drawers, Cap and Scarf Sets, Toques, Bootees, Hosiery, Sweaters, Knit Sacques, Teddy Bear Suits.

Useful Gifts for Ladies

Make your Gifts ideal by presenting an article that is practical and keep your well wishes before them a long time. Furs, Silk Petticoats, Outing Flannel Robes, Hosiery, Knit Underwear, House Dresses, Aprons, Sweaters, Corsets, Dress Goods, Boudior Caps.

BEAUTIFUL SILK UNDERWEAR

Gifts of this kind sure to please. They are daintily made, the lace and embroidery trimming breathe an air of charm and elegance, the materials are beautiful.

SILK CAMISOLES.....$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.95, 2.45
SILK ENVELOPES.....$2.95, 3.45, 3.95, 4.95, 5.95
SILK GOWNS.....$9.95, 10.95, 12.50
SILK BLOOMERS..... $3.95, 4.95

PORTO RICAN LINGERIE

It is entirely hand-sewn. Exquisite needle work in the daintiest hand embroidery designs. Distinctive, new square hemstitched models and beautiful new, scalloped, round neck styles.

PORTO RICAN ENVELOPES, $2.98, 3.45, 3.95, 4.95.

PORTO RICAN GOWNS, $2.98, 3.45, 3.98, 4.95.

UNDERGARMENTS of soft and durable Nainsooks, lustrous Batiste, Cambric and Novelty Cloths.

NIGHT GOWNS, $1.25, 1.50, 1.95, 2.45, 2.98.

ENVELOPE CHEMISE, 79c, $1.25, 1.50, 1.95, 2.45.

BLOOMERS, $1.00, 1.25.

UNDERSKIRTS, $1.95, 2.45, 2.95.

BEAUTIFUL SHIRT WAISTS

To give a Waist shows good judgment. A gift that is useful, a gift that will be appreciated. Waists of Georgette, French Voiles, Organdies and Crepe-de-chine. Wonderful styles, beauties every one of them. A wide selection. Some embroidered, some lace trimmed, others in simple tucked styles.

GEORGETTE WAISTS, $3.75, 5.95, 6.95, 7.45, 8.95.

FRENCH VOILE, $2.45, 2.95, 3.45, 3.95, 4.95.

PORTO RICAN WAISTS, Handmade, $5.95, 6.95.

FOR CHRISTMAS APRONS

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POEMS WORTH READING

OLD SANTA CLAUS

Old Santa Claus sat all alone in his den,
With his leg crossed over his knee,
While a comical look peeped out at his eyes;
For a funny old fellow is he.

His queer little cap was tumbled and torn,
And his wig it was all awry;
But he sat and mused the whole day long,
While the hours went flying by.

He had been as busy as busy could be
In filling his pack with toys;
He had gathered his nuts, and baked his pies,
To give to the girls and boys.

There were dolls for the girls, and whips for the boys,
With wheel-barrows, horses, and drays,
And bureaus and trunks for Dolly's new clothes:
All these on his park he displays.

Of candy, too, both twisted and striped,
He had furnished a plentiful store;
While raisins and figs, and prunes and grapes,
Hung up on a peg by the door.

"I am almost ready," quoth he, quoth he,
And Christmas is almost here;
But one thing more,—I must write them a book,
And give to each one this year."

So he clapped his specs on his little round nose,
And, seizing the stump of a pen,
He wrote more lines in one little hour
Than you ever could read in ten.

He told them stories all pretty and new,
And wrote them all out in rhyme;
Then packed them away with his box of toys,
To distribute one at a time.

And Christmas Eve, when all were in bed,
Right down the chimney he flew;
And, stretching the stocking-leg out at the top,
He clapped in a book for you.

SANTA CLAUS' AIR SHIP

Oh, children, come and listen—such a piece of news I've heard!
Dear Santa's bought an airship that can fly just like a bird;
A biplane of the newest make, all taut and trim and sound—
Be watch for him, on Christmas Eve he'll come a flying 'round.

His reindeers used to travel just as quickly as they could,
In order not to disappoint the children that were good,
But even then poor Santa Claus got sadly out of breath,
He hurried so, the good old soul was nearly worked to death.

So then he got an auto of full forty roadsters power,
That hurled him o'er the chimney tops at nearly mile an hour;
A warning honk, and with the horn he'd play a merry tune,
And children saw his headlight—but they thought it was the moon

This answered very well until he chanced to spy
A graceful little airship sailing swiftly through the sky,
And as he watched it dip and soar he clapped his hands in glee
"Aha!" quoth Santa, "on my word, that's just the thing for me!"

So now there is no danger that our good friend will be late,
For in his mode of travel he is strictly up to date;
And when you hear a rumble as of distant thunder's roll,
You'll know that he is flying from his home at the North Pole.

THE CHRISTMAS BABY

Once a gentle, loving mother
Watched above her baby.
In the world there was no other
Like that little baby.

For a lovely, golden star
Shone above the baby
When men traveled from afar
Just to find the baby.

Shepherds, watching, saw a light
Shining for the baby
Angels clothed in dazzling white
Sang about the baby.

Years before, had holy men
Told about the baby
All the world was waiting, then,
Waiting for the baby.

Many years have rolled away
Since He was a baby
But with joy we keep the day,
Birthday of the baby.

IF I WERE SANTA

If I were dear old Santa,
I know what I should do,
I'd search the wide world over
For the biggest tree that grew

I'd stand it in the middle
Of a splendid, immense hall,
And hang a million presents
On this giant tree so tall.

No child would be forgotten
At Christmas time, you know,
For, fast as gifts were taken,
Some more would quietly grow.

Then every one so smiling
Would turn and look at me,
And give a happy "Thank you!"
For my wondrous Christmas tree.

Nancy Clarke

SOUTH PARIS

Willard Curtis is at home from Colby College for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. L. L. Phelps of South Portland is a guest at Mrs. Alice P. Thayer's.

Harlan Dennison is at home from the U. of M. for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Ida Bonney has come from Sumner to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Haynes.

L. L. Mason, H. L. Swan and Wilbur Swan attended the toymakers' exhibition in New York last week.

W. W. Ripley has purchased the ice business of E. D. Millett & Sons of Norway, and will run the ice business of the two towns.

Perley F. Ripley was elected one of the directors of the Maine Automobile Dealers' Association at the organization of the association at Augusta, recently.

Mrs. Roy E. Cole and son Howard of Chelsea, Mass., are spending the holiday vacation with the Wheeler family.

Mrs. Flora Martin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. P. McKenney, in Kingfield.

Howard Jackson of the U. S. navy is at home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson.

Mrs. C. K. Fox and Miss Marion Bean of Bethel were week end guests at Geo. D. Robinson's. Miss Marion Robertson accompanied them home and will spend the holiday vacation with them.

Michael Kennagh underwent another surgical operation at he Central Maine General Hospital last week.

Murray M. Bigelow has accepted the position of athletic instructor in St. James School, a private school for boys in Fairbault, Minn., and will leave in January to commence his work.

Fletcher I. Parlin who has been ill for some time, and has undergone several surgical operations, was taken to the Central Maine General Hospital last week for examination.

Gustave Porter is spending the holiday vacation at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley J. Rawson of Mexico are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cole, for the Christmas vacation.

At the regular meeting of Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., the rank of Esquire will be exemplified.

W. C. Thayer, master of Paris Grange and Mrs. Thayer are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Mrs. L. W. Titus was given a surprise party by some of her neighbors and friends on Wednesday, the occasion being her birthday. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was passed. Mrs. Titus received many gifts, flowers and cards of congratulation.

A special town meeting is called for Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 2 P. M., to act on several matters of importance.

Christmas will be observed by the several Sunday Schools. At the Congregational church Friday evening there will be a supper and tree. At the Universalist church a covered dish supper will be served Friday evening, followed by a tree and social. At Deering Memorial Methodist church there will be a program and tree on Friday evening. The Baptist Sunday school will have a program and tree Friday evening.

The Pythian Sisters elected the following officers for the coming year at their regular meeting last week

M. E. C. Mrs. Lizzie W. Millett
E. M. Mrs. Annie Dudley
E. J. Mrs. Kate Dunham
Manager Mrs. Margaret Taylor
M. of F. Mrs. Lou Daughraty
M. of R. C. Mrs. Grace Starbird
Protector Mrs. Eva Record
Guard Alice Martin
Degree Master—Howard Daughraty
Installing Officer—Mrs. Grace Starbird
Representative to Grand Lodge—Mrs. Flora Pratt
Alternate—Katherine Dunham
Trustee (3 years)—Fannie Eastman

UNITED AMERICANS

America is a land with more than 18,000,000 dwellings occupied by about 21,000,000 families and of which 6,000,000 own their homes without incumbrance, while another 3,000,000 own theirs subject to mortgage. It is a land in which more than 12,000,000 persons are depositors in mutual, stock, or postal savings banks, with total deposits in amounting to more than $6,500,000,000. In it are nearly 6,500,000 farms having a value, including buildings and equipment of more than $41,000,000,000, and yielding an annual product of a value of more than $8,250,000,000. This same America has more than 266,000 miles of railway in operation, carrying in a single year more than 1,000,000,000 individual passengers and more than 2,225,000,000 tons of freight. It is a land in which schools for the people are maintained at a total expenditure of nearly $650,000,000, with an attendance of more than 20,000,000 children. In it are more than 3,000 public libraries having on their shelves more than 75,000,000 volumes for the instruction and inspiration of the people. It is a land whose total wealth is now $225,000,000,000, and to use the words of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, "The distribution of that wealth is steadily becoming more equitable and more satisfactory under the operation of forces and principles that have guided American life so long and so well."

Continuing Dr. Butler says—

"Who is it that has the temerity to wish to undermine the foundations of so noble and so inviting a political and social structure as this!

"Forty years ago and more, when the doctrine of Socialism was systematically put forward by Karl Marx, it was quickly seized upon those in Germany and in every other European land who were discontented with existing forms of government and of social organization, and was converted by them into a political program. That program which was to all intents and purposes made in Germany, although written in London, contradicts Americanism and Democracy at every point. It calls, not for any program of social reform in accordance with American principles and American ideals, but for a program of collective control over the individual life, the individual occupation and the individual reward that would destroy American absolutely. It would erect upon the ruins of our democracy an autocratic state in which the tyranny of a temporary or class majority would take the place once held by the tyranny of an hereditary ruling class. Its most extreme exponents have not hesitated to announce themselves as did Bakunin fifty years ago, as apostles of universal destruction."

In order to combat these forces which would destroy American government and American ideas which would drag true manhood and true womanhood to the lowest depths, there has been organized in this country a great association of real patriots who would preserve the traditions of the Flag they love so well. It is called the United Americans and according to its Constitution it stands for the following:

"The purpose of United Americans shall be to preserve the Constitution of the United States, with the representative form of Government and the right of individual possession which the Constitution provides; to stand firm for law and order; to foster among our people high standards of individuals and corporate conduct; and to advance the prosperity and happiness of all the people of the United States."

A branch of this splendid organization is now being established in Maine and behind it are some of the finest men that the State possesses at the present time. The State chairman is Col. Fred N. Dow, of Portland, whose father General Neal Dow many years ago fought for a cause he felt was right and won a battle now notable in history. The Treasurer is Charles G. Allen, also of Portland, one of the best known bankers in the State. Its State Committee is made up of other leading men who are known in every section of Maine. Their names are as follows:

Alexander T. Laughlin, Portland; Philip Dana, Westbrook; Fred V. Berry, Portland; Lucian D. Fuller, Bath; Chas. E. West, Portland; Burton Smart, Portland; Edward W. Hannaford, Portland; Wm. O. Cobb, Gardiner; Waldo Pettengil, Rumford; Chas. G. Moulton, Limerick; Fred O. Eaton, Rumford; Forrest H. Colby, Bingham; Winfield S. Wood, Portland; Wm. L. Blake, Portland; Geo. S. Hobbs, Portland, Chas. S. Hichborn, Augusta; Eugene C. Smith, Portland; William D. Patterson, Wiscasset; Daniel W. Hoegg, Portland; John Calvin Stevens, Portland; Harry M. Bigelow, Portland; Ernest F. Clason, Lisbon Falls; Geo F. Feeney, Portland; H. G. Wood, Bangor; Wm. F. Spear, So. Portland; Freeman M. Grant, Portland.

The executive committee is made up as follows:

Hiram W. Ricker, Poland; Bertrand G. McIntire, Waterford; Cecil F. Clark, Hollis; Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Augusta; James Q. Gulnac, Bangor; John J. Cunningham, Portland; Wm. T. Cobb, Bath; Dr. Elias Caplan, Portland; Edmund H. McDonald, Portland; Wm. D. Fuller, Portland; DeForest H. Perkins, Portland.

The Executive Secretary is Almon S. Bisbee, Portland, known through Maine for his work as State Chairman in connection with many of the great war drives and for his efforts in many other lines for the development of the State. The publicity Committee is composed of D. W. Hoegg, Jr., Assistant Editor of the Express-Advertiser, chairman; Harry M. Bigelow, editor Portland Daily Press, and E. C. Bowler, general manager of the Daily Eastern Argus, and there will be still further additions made to this committee from other sections of the State.

The campaign to be conducted is not one for funds but simply for membership that the principles of Americanism may be spread broadcast through out Maine. One may say that there is little need for such a campaign in this State but such is not the fact, and an investigations has shown that there are seditious forces working within the limits that are of a most deadly character.

The State headquarters have been established in Portland in the Casco Bank Building, and from there Executive Secretary Bisbee intends to conduct a program of education that will have a tremendous effect in stilling the Bolshevistic sentiments which are now being circulated throughout Maine and the Nation.

There is one extremely important point about the United Americans; it is the only organization of its kind doing this great work in the State of Maine. It has the endorsement of the National Chamber of Commerce and even at this early date the Federal Government is using it to assist in building up the Spirit of Americanism in the State, as well as throughout the country. One of its greatest works will be to get in touch with the immigrant as soon as he reaches America and start him on the right track to become a law abiding citizen before he is captured by the adherents of Bolshevism and made the tool of their destructive forces.

A very low rate has been established and it is believed that the next few months will see a tremendous membership enrolled in Maine.

LOCKE'S MILLS ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanborn were at East Bethel, Sunday.

Miss Hattie Blake spent a few days with Mrs. Arthur Herrick at Bethel this week.

Miss Katherine Brown was a week end guest of Miss Clare Mason.

Mrs. Vear Bean was called to Gorham, Friday, by the serious illness of her sister.

Mr. Robert Hastings was a caller at Seth L. Mason's, Sunday.

Mr. Al Levesque was at home from his work at Ned Carter's camp, Mayville, Saturday P. M.

Mrs. Carl Brown, Mrs. Seth Mason and Miss Clare Mason attended the Christmas sale at Mark Allen's store, Bryant's Pond, Monday.

Miss Effie Sumner was a caller at Seth Mason's, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bean attended the school entertainment and Christmas tree at West Bethel, Thursday evening.

Miss Clare Mason visited Miss Ruth Cole and Miss Myrtle Beckler at the Locke's Mills school Tuesday.

Miss Effie Sumner and Miss Katherine Brown visited at the South Bethel school, Friday.

Good reports have been received of Ralph Blake's condition. Mr. Blake is recovering from a serious operation for appendicitis.

Nine of the students from Gould's Academy attended the school entertainment and Christmas tree at South Bethel, Friday P. M.

WEST PERU AND DICKVALE

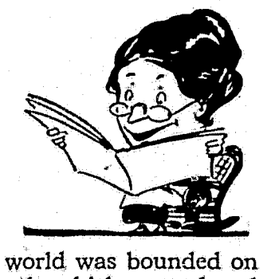
Little John Shaw, who attends a school for deaf children, arrived home last Friday for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Jennie Gordon and Mrs. Hiram Wahsburn were at Rumford doing their Christmas shopping one day last week.

Many in this vicinity are afflicted with bad colds.

Fred Eastman traded his driving horse with out of town parties last week. Fred has a classy driver now.

Arthur Eastman and E. G. Child are hauling birch to the mill at Dickvale for Ezra Staples, who has a crew working near Speckled Mountain.



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GLIDDEN PAINTS

The Treacherous Ford

By WILLIAM H. GREENE

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Two men in high boots and hunting costumes, each with a rifle upon his shoulder, had just waded across Yellow Creek at a point where there were rocks to aid them, and a firm, sandy bottom, with no slippery mud.

One slightly in advance of the other, they came upon what appeared to be a narrow, but unusually hard, smooth beach.

Suddenly the one in front stumbled slightly and stopped, his feet spread apart in a peculiar attitude.

"Look out!" he cried.

"What's the matter?" asked the other, stepping up to his side.

He needed no reply to this question, however. He also slipped in the same queer fashion.

"See if you can step back," said the younger of the two men.

The other made a determined effort to lift first one foot, and then the other, but only succeeded in sinking them both deeper into the treacherous, harmless looking sand.

"I can't lift either foot," he panted. "See what you can do."

The younger man made an equally futile attempt. His feet seemed as if held in a vise, soft and yielding, but stronger than steel.

"It's no use," he said. And then, with a sudden access of terror: "Look! It's almost up to my knees—the sticky, slimy stuff!"

His lips twitched and drops of perspiration stood upon his forehead.

"It is up to my knees," said the other. "It's—something's pulling at my feet!" His voice rose almost to a shriek. "Let me go! I— Oh—"

The younger man had straightened himself up, and as he watched his companion the look of terror on his own face changed, and some of his color returned. His lips ceased to tremble, and a determined look came into his eyes. Grasping the other by the arm, and shaking him roughly, he said:

"Stop that! Stop it, I say. We mustn't lose our nerve now. We've got to think quickly. Every second we stand here we're sinking deeper. It's up to us. This is no time to get scared."

"That's right," agreed the older man, controlling himself with an evident effort. "Gee!" he added, passing his hand across his face, "I nearly went out of my trolley for a minute."

"Don't give up," encouraged the other. "There ought to be some way out of this."

His boyish face wore a puzzled, protesting frown, as if he refused to believe that his life was about to be cut off in this sudden, cruel fashion.

"Look here," he exclaimed after a moment's thought. "We're a couple of fools. These rifles are weighting us down."

They both tossed their weapons, and all other articles of any weight, including their coats and hats, upon the bank in front of them—the good, solid, honest ground, scarcely ten feet away.

From the grass-covered bank their gaze traveled on to the field, and then to the woods and hills beyond. Hills which they had wandered over and explored together as boys, and to which they had returned every autumn for several years, to hunt and fish, as they had been doing that day.

From the shadow of the nearer hills rose columns of blue smoke, indicating the location of the little village of Wild Rose, toward which they had been returning.

Something must be done. Already the slippery, oozing sand had reached their knees, and was gradually crawling higher and higher.

"Good heavens, isn't there something we can do?" said the shorter man.

"Maybe you could lift me out," said his younger companion. "You are very strong. If I could get over to the bank I could reach out one of the guns for you to take hold of and drag me out."

Without a word the shorter man leaned over and grasped the other about the legs, straining every muscle until his face turned purple with the effort and the veins stood out on his forehead until it seemed as if they must burst.

He succeeded only in burying his own feet a little deeper in the merciless sand.

"No use," he admitted as he straightened up, his chest heaving like a bellows. "I can't budge you."

Then his face, which had been contorted with fear, assumed a crafty look. He looked at his companion with calculating eyes.

"I've got an idea that might save one of us," he said. "There's no use in both of us going under, if one can be saved, is there?"

His face flushed, and he looked away as he made the suggestion.

"No, I suppose not," answered the other.

"Well, then," the other continued, still looking away, "this is the idea: one of us throw himself forward, sink down, on the beach here, the other could probably climb over him and get to the bank.

"It's a chance, and the one who acts as the human bridge is a goner sure, but we'll both go down in a few minutes and smother like rats, if we don't do something."

"I see," said the younger man, a little coldly. "But who— We're friends, of course, and have been for years, and all that, but it's a good deal of a sacrifice."

"I'm not asking you to be a hero," said the other nastily. "We'll toss a coin for it. And don't let's do any more arguing. We're wasting valuable time."

"All right," agreed the young fellow. "I'm game, if you think it's the only way for one of us to be saved."

"Have you any better idea to offer?"

"No."

"Then come on."

They both felt in their pockets for coins.

"I was always pretty lucky at any kind of gambling," muttered the older man.

He had not meant to speak this thought aloud. There was no more to be said, and each drew a coin from his pocket, tossed it into the air, and caught it between closed hands.

"Heads," said the younger man calmly.

His eyes bulging with excitement, the other opened his trembling hands and looked. His coin had also fallen with the date side upward. His already pale face turned the color of chalk.

"I win," shouted the boy, and then flushed, as if ashamed of his evident gladness.

"Yes, you win," said his companion, dropping his coin carelessly into the sand. Again they eyed each other, as if they were strangers, instead of lifelong friends.

"All right," said the loser of the toss suddenly. "I'll make good, but I've got just one favor to ask of you before I take the plunge. You'll grant me just one favor, won't you, old man?"

"Sure—certainly," said the boy, feeling very cowardly and ashamed. "Anything you ask, of course."

"All right. I just want you to take a message to Violet Wellwood for me. I haven't time to write it. We've got to hurry. But you see, last night she promised to marry me.

"It's pretty hard to go now, just when life was beginning to be really worth while. Just when I was beginning to know real happiness. You understand, don't you, old man?"

If the younger fellow's face had been haggard and tortured before, it was nothing to the dull, hurt, hopeless look which now came into his eyes. He stared at his friend stupidly, as if he was not sure he had heard correctly.

"You say she—Violet Wellwood—promised to marry you?" he asked.

"Yes. I didn't know exactly how to tell you about it before, for I knew you were fond of her, too. But now— Well, you'll have a clear field now."

"You're not joking, are you?"

"Joking?" cried the older man, as if shocked at the idea. "Is this a time for jokes? Or is that a subject to be joked about?"

"No, no. Of course not."

"Well, then, please go and see Violet at once, as soon as you get back to town, and break the news gently to her. Tell her I—"

"Stop!" cried the boy, his face twisted with the hurt of it. "Stop! I can't stand that. I'll break the news gently to her, am I? To her!" He laughed wildly. "Man, do you suppose I want to live now?"

He did not see the other's crafty smile, quickly hidden.

"So," he went on, "I am to tell her that the man she loves— Did she tell you she loved you last night?"

"Of course," said the other.

"Well, then, she can have you," he cried boyishly. "Now listen. You'll take a message to her from me. Understand? Tell her—"

He paused, and the anger died out of his face, leaving only the hopeless misery.

"Oh, never mind," he said, and before his companion could have moved to prevent him, if he had entertained any such intention, the boy threw himself forward and lay flat on his face in the quicksand.

The older man gave himself no time to think of what he had done, but managed, with some difficulty, to utilize the slender, prostrate form of his friend as a bridge, upon which he found footing.

Once his feet were pried out of the clinging sand he found little difficulty in leaping to the solid bank from the boy's shoulders.

Having at last reached safety, he stood for a moment, as if dazed. Then, as a full realization of his own cowardice came over him, he turned swiftly and began to make frantic efforts to reach the prostrate form of the other.

Already the oozing sand had almost covered the boy, the man at last managed to get a grip on the collar of the boy's flannel shirt. But quicksand does not give up its prey easily.

He only succeeded in tearing the boy's collar loose from his throat, falling back upon the grass when the cloth gave way. When he leaned forward again, the soft, yellow beach was closely smoothly over the sinking form of the boy who had been his friend.

Suddenly he heard hoof-beats of a horse upon the soft turf behind him, and, turning quickly, he saw a young girl galloping toward him.

She rode astride, and bareheaded, her thick, brown hair flying in the breeze.

Pulling her mount up almost beside the man, she smiled down at him.

"Hallo, Jim!" she said. "Where's Fred?"

"Violet," he began. "Miss Wellwood—"

But he could get no further, and he could not look at her.

Swallowing hard, he made several attempts to speak, and then, cringing like a dog before her steady, astonished gaze, he turned and fled precipitately across the field.

The AMERICAN LEGION

ALONG THE LINE OF MARCH WITH THE NATIONAL SERVICE MEN

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

"A B C" OF LONDON POST NO. 1 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

R. L. BLAND, Post Finance Officer. L. E. ANDERSON, Post Commander. W. H. A. COLEMAN, Post Adjutant.

Listing among its members a former United States army nurse who holds decorations for valor from Great Britain, France and Belgium, the London post of the American Legion is actively engaged in cementing the friendship between the two English-speaking countries. The post, which has 110 members draws its personnel from the American embassy, American consulates, the U. S. Shipping Board, American Relief Administration, U. S. Army Liquidation Commission, Graves Registration Service and from a host of professions and businesses. In it are lawyers, chemists, journalists, engineers, salesmen, valets and chauffeurs, all joining in the activities of the first unit of the American Legion to be established in Europe.

Miss Alice Emerson Findley is the woman member of the post. She joined the British nursing corps shortly after war was declared in 1914, and served in London, Paris and at the front. As an American army nurse she worked through two offensives under heavy shell fire.

The London post received its charter from the American Legion on November 25, 1919. Previous to that date it had been listed as a unit of the American Legion of Europe, an organization which replaced the American War Veterans' association, which was formed in September, 1919.

L. E. Anderson is post commander, W. H. A. Coleman, post adjutant, and R. L. Bland, post finance officer. The work of decorating the 2,500 American graves in England and Ireland on Memorial day was directed by Don A. Smith of the London post.

AIM IS TO BE OF SERVICE

Theodore Roosevelt Sums Up Principles of Legion Before Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

"We are service men and service women. That is our aim—to be of service to this country."

With those words Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late ex-President Roosevelt, summed up his speech on the aims and principles of the American Legion, delivered before the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland, O. Three things, he declared were agreed upon in organizing the Legion. They were:

That the Legion should be a purely service organization with absolutely no distinction of rank between general and private admiral and sailor.

That the Legion must be nonpartisan and must concern itself with policies, not politics.

That there must be no distinction drawn between branches of service, between those who served overseas and those who waited at home.

"The American Legion is going to be the biggest stabilizing influence in America, in these disturbed times," he said. He cited a letter from his father, written in 1918, in which the former president predicted that the danger in this country lay in the tendency to swing from extreme to extreme, from radicalism to reaction and vice versa.

To show that the Legion does not care for politics Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that the first national commander, Colonel Lindsey, was a Democrat "while I," he said, "am suspected of being a Republican."

"The United States army," he continued, "was a democratizing influence, contrary to the belief of many." He told of many instances in his regiment to show the abolition of class distinction in the service.

NO INTRODUCTION IS NEEDED

"Speak to the Buddy With the Button," Slogan Adopted by Ohio Post.

"Speak to the buddy with the button" is the appeal expressed in a resolution passed by the Franklin county council of the American Legion in Ohio. This policy has been adopted by many other posts. The resolution follows:

Whereas, during our service in the World War we greeted each other whenever we met and ate, slept, fought and shot craps together without introduction; and

Whereas, in civilian life, we are compelled to remain closer to custom;

Be it resolved, That the members of the American Legion of Franklin county, O., shall in the future regard the American Legion emblem as an open introduction between wearers of same, thereby creating a more close-knit and friendly organization.

Will Construct Club House.

Pangburn post, No. 22, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., is offering former service men of Montgomery county an opportunity to invest in the construction of a memorial club house in Mt. Sterling any moneys they may receive by way of adjusted compensation from the government. It is asserted that rentals and fees will make the stock a substantial investment.

WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE BUSY

New York Organization Opens Houses for Accommodation of Disabled Men Undergoing Training.

Ex-soldiers and sailors are not forgotten by the Stage Women's War Relief committee which has just opened two new houses at 346 West Forty-eighth street, New York city, where disabled veterans may enjoy vocational training very like with all the comforts of home for a nominal sum. Miss Chrystal Herne, who is shown here making curtains for the new residences, is the chairman of the committee.

Miss Chrystal Herne.

GREETING CABLED BY D'OLIER

Legion Commander Recalls Sixth Anniversary of Great Britain's Entrance Into World War.

On the sixth anniversary of Great Britain's entrance into the World War Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, cabled the following greeting to Field Marshal Earl Haig and Admiral Sir David Beatty:

"Honor to the statesmen who had the courage to assume the responsibility of that decision. Honor to the British millions who, with valor unsurpassed and hearts of oak, executed that decision on Britain's many fronts. When we contemplate what would have been the state of affairs in the world today had not Britain acted as she did and when she did, the trials and difficulties of the present hour, however vexatious they may seem now to be, sink into comparative insignificance.

"United States forces have had the privilege of service on land and sea under British high command. The memories of the associations of those great days will never perish. They will perpetuate themselves in our hearts and thus serve to perpetuate the indissoluble friendship of the British and American peoples."

SUITS THAT WIN FAVOR IN PARIS

Costumes With Long, Half-Fitted Jacket and Slender Skirt in Front Rank.

SIMPLE CLOTHES ARE LIKED

Parisiennes Not Slaves to Every Delirious Creation That French Couturieres May Put Out, Correspondent Says.

In Paris there is a marked preference for extremely simple toilettes. In fact, writes a prominent fashion correspondent, the tailored costume of almost classic style is now tremendously fashionable with its long, half-fitted jacket and slender skirt, the latter either plain or plaited. A costume of this type is more representative of the real Paris fashions than anything Zouave, African, Czecho-Slovak or Egyptian. The Parisienne, therefore, may rightly claim that not all women in France are extravagant nor are all of the Paris dressmakers producing extreme effects.

Fashions are often misrepresented, and through this misrepresentation one might gather that the taste of the present-day woman is for clothes that are showy and extravagant, rather than those that are beautiful and simple. Many people, when viewing the new fashions, are inclined to talk of the things which are extreme and unusual, rather than those that are simple and refined, which latter the best-dressed women buy. The women of Paris, even more than those of America, are misrepresented in this way, so that it would appear that the Parisienne is a slave to every delirious creation that the French couturiere may put out. A mannequin at the races wearing some bizarre costume will be immediately proclaimed to the world as wearing the latest Paris fashion, when perhaps this dress is the only one of its kind seen during the whole season in Paris.

Simplicity Sought After.

What more simple and economical than the tailored suit or blue serge dress, both of which are now and have been for some time pre-eminent in Paris fashions? What more refined than the models which the leading dressmakers create for their own private customers? That this simplicity is greatly admired and much sought, regardless of the publicity attached to the bizarre styles is proved by the fact that certain houses in Paris who cater entirely to private trade are sought in a roundabout way by purchasers of models.

One house in particular that has a great Paris following and which because of this refuses to sell to manufacturers or dressmakers, preferring to keep their models exclusive, can and do get from their private trade from 2,000 to 3,000 francs each for their simple silk crepe dresses made without one stitch of embroidery, lace or trimming of any character. Even

One of the new fall suits developed in plain and plaid woolen, a combination that is being emphasized in autumn collections.

the hems are only hand-rolled, and the dresses, which are little more than slips with pendant cascading panels or handkerchief points, are without lining, guimpe or undersleeve. Some of these models have not even a hook. They slip on over the head and a sash ties around the waist. Yet for this simplicity and grace the discriminating Parisienne will pay 50 per cent more than for a dress with trimming, which lacks the cachet of simplicity, individuality and perfect cut.

Tailored Suits With Fur.

For the autumn there are charming tailored suits in redingote style trimmed with fur bands. Sometimes these redingotes have plaited fullness let into the skirts. Simple fall dresses also are being shown in both redingote and apron styles and new wraps are in perfectly simple outline.

In dresses many variations of the redingote appear. They may be made entirely of cloth and trimmed with braid or with a slip or underdress of

Dress of gray satin and dark blue velvet. The long mitten sleeves are of the satin embroidered in blue to match the velvet.

satin and a long redingote of cloth. Many such frocks have high collars which button tightly about the throat and are faced with a contrasting cloth.

Autumn skirts are somewhat longer than those worn during the spring and summer. A skirt with its hem ten inches from the ground is smart, yet not extreme.

A redingote suit developed in green velveteen has a plaited skirt and the coat is trimmed with skunk fur. In this model we see the beauty and grace of the suit with a very long coat. In past seasons women have declined to accept the long coated suit, saying that it had a tendency to make one look older. This, however, is not true of the really long coat. Nothing could be more girlish than a suit such as this one, giving, as it does, the appearance of a one-piece dress with an underskirt.

Another example of the redingote type is evolved from brick-red broadcloth material, and the trimming is kolinsky fur.

Ideal Dress for Street Wear.

One of the newest and most popular blue serge dresses is very much like the redingote suits in outline. It gives the effect of a skirt and a very long coat, although it is really a one-piece dress. The trimming consists of bands of tailor's braid of the same dark blue hue as the frock. It is an ideal dress for street wear in the autumn.

Braid as a trimming has found considerable favor in this autumn's fashions. Dressmakers are showing great originality in their methods of using this trimming. Not content with braid alone, they have stitched it in silks of contrasting colors and applied it in ways that give the effect of new and elaborate embroideries. Often the braid is embroidered by hand.

The new square-hanging satin mantle is of the very heavy quality which is being used for street wear this fall. The trimming is moleskin, a fur which will vie with squirrel in popularity this winter.

Great stress is laid on satin for wraps of all sorts. The satin of 1920 is a striking example of the wonderful progress that has been made in the silk industry. One never would suspect it of being even a distant relative of the stiff and lustrous satins of bygone days. In past years satin coats were considered suitable for elderly ladies only, while a wrap of today's satin is youthful.

Lining silks are quite as handsome as those from which the garments themselves are made. These are beautiful Chippendale prints and mikado jacquards, both of which have radium backgrounds. The Chippendale is printed in multicolors in Japanese, butterfly, leaf and flower motifs, while the mikado jacquard is brocaded in conventional and floral designs in self-colors.

A strong fancy is manifested at the present time for plaits arranged in groups of ten to twelve, with plain spaces of equal size intervening. There are dresses on which the trimming consists of inserted plaited bands surrounding the skirt in rows. Many of the new printed silks are worked up in this way.

MEDALS AWAIT SERVICE MEN

Emblems for All Who Served in World War Ready for Distribution on Armistice Day.

Nearly 5,000,000 Victory medals, turned out by a lengthy and involved process of manufacture, now are awaiting former service men. Thousands of these medals will be presented to veterans on Armistice day by posts of the American Legion, which have arranged elaborate ceremonies in honor of the occasion. The medal was designed by James Earl Frazer.

Phases never before met with in medal production were met with by the contractors in the making of the decorations with their ribbons, battle clasps and bars, and to handle certain steps in the process of manufacture new machines were invented. One of these was a ribbon-cutting machine which turned out 60 pieces a minute and in the course of a day did a quantity of work equal to the labors of 15 people.

A striking machine with a force of 175 tons a blow was used on the medals after the disks had been annealed following which there came the application of a hydraulic pressure of 120 pounds. An ammonia sand blast and an alcohol bath also were utilized before putting the final lacquer on the medal.

Not only Legionnaires but many other ex-service men will take part in the Armistice day celebrations in all sections of the country and will receive their medals with formal observance of their significance.

MANAGER OF LEGION WEEKLY

C. Robert Bains, Business Chief of Publication, Began Life as a Cub Reporter.

In the American Legion, which is essentially a young men's organization, few men have climbed the heights of responsibility faster and higher than C. Robert Bains, recently elected gen-

C. ROBERT BAINS

eral manager of the Legion's official publication, the American Legion Weekly.

Bains first began to take life seriously as a cub reporter in his native Brooklyn fourteen years ago. He drifted from the newspaper atmosphere for a time and finally left it until 1917, when he came to the Marine barracks with the National Guard contingent.

Bains began active life as a printer's devil on a boat, private in the old Second New York Coast artillery. Except for a brief tour with the Twelfth infantry on the border he stuck to the field guns and passed successively through every grade in the enlisted and commissioned ranks to that of major. He went overseas with the Three Hundred and Eleventh remount squadron and later commanded the base remount depot of the army of occupation in Germany. He is thirty-four years old.

FRENCH WAR ORPHANS' FUND

Total Reaches $1,275, Sufficient to Care for Seventeen Children for One Year.

A total of $1,275, or enough to provide for 17 French war orphans for a year, had been contributed to the Legion fund for the readoption of the war waifs who formerly were proteges of the late A. E. F., according to the books of the Legion national treasurer, Robert H. Tyndall, up to the close of business on August 14.

Posts of the Legion, or individual members or friends, may adopt a French war orphan for at least one year by contributing $75 for the first year's support. The money should be sent to the French War Orphan Fund, National Treasurer, Indianapolis, Ind. It will then be turned over to the American Red Cross, which will assign the children and supervise the expenditure of the money.

A specific child will be assigned to each adopting post or individual and a photograph of each mascot will be forwarded to the adopter, who thereafter may keep in touch with the war orphan either direct or through the Red Cross. The Red Cross bears all expense of administration so that all money contributed goes direct to the support of the child.

Organizing in China.

The Gen. Frederick Ward post of the American Legion in Shanghai, China, has been authorized to form other units of the organization in that country. The post was named after the American soldier who organized the "Ever Victorious Army" in China at the time of the Taiping rebellion.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN PEACE TIME

Giving First Aid

Every person mentally and physically able to do so should take the American Red Cross instruction in First Aid Treatment. It's a life-saver and a pain-saver on the farm, in the factory, on the street, at the office, in the home, wherever accidents may occur. Here's a young wife who inexpertly wielded a can opener and received an ugly gash across her wrist from the jagged can lid. Mother was there, however, with the First Aid kit and Red Cross instruction and probably prevented a case of blood poison by giving prompt and proper treatment before the doctor arrived.

CARE FOR WOUNDED BUDDIES

Nation-Wide Movement to Aid and Cheer Thousands of Wounded Men Now in Hospitals.

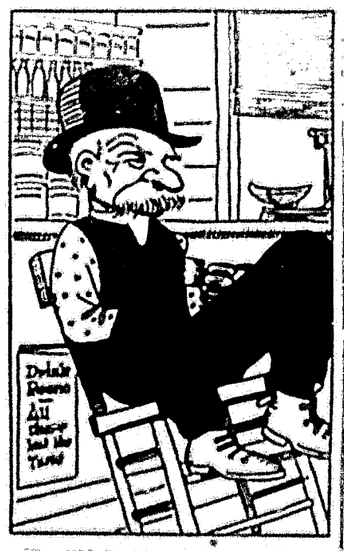
A nation-wide movement to care for the 17,000 ex-service men who are now in hospitals suffering from disabilities incurred in the service, has been launched by the American Legion through its Americanism commission. Bulletins have been issued to state chairmen asking them to organize local Legion post committees to co-operate with the hospitals for the entertainment of the men in the wards, and for their care after discharge.

Efforts will be made to provide visitors for those men who are confined to hospitals to mitigate the loneliness of their enforced inactivity, and in this part of the program the Women's Auxiliary is expected to be of particular value.

To men who are discharged individual assistance will be given by members of the local Legion post in securing work and in straightening out any difficulties that may arise in the matter of compensation, insurance and so on. A system of interstate co-operation will provide for every man who leaves a hospital in one state, a welcome in the state for which he is bound.

"If there is any one thing that all members of the Legion are agreed on more than anything else, it is that wounded men should be generously taken care of," declared Arthur Woods, chairman of the American-ism commission. "It is the personal contact with the man that counts. We must show him that we are genuine friends. And certainly, no man ever bears a claim upward more than a disfigured disabled service man who has to make up so much lost time under such tremendous handicaps. I know you will agree that this is a challenge to service on our part which we, of the Legion, will not ignore."

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Old Residenter likes to Tell of the Days when the Town had only 70 People and there was a Cornfield where the First National Bank now stands. Then there was no High Cost of Living and the Butcher threw in a Chunk of Liver with a Dime's Worth of Steak. Them was The Days!

COURAGE

By George Wilson Jennings

An ancient philosopher fittingly expressed the thought, when he said, "Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing it and conquering it."

The best hearts are always the bravest, and courage might be called adversity's lamp for it lights the way to bear and conquer our fate by never submitting or even yielding; for a man of courage is at all times full of faith in its true meaning.

"One who loses wealth loses much; one who loses a friend loses more; but he who loses courage loses all."

I like to read about Moses in the Old Testament; he carried a trying business well through, and died when other folks were going to reap the fruits; a man must have courage to look after his life so, and think what'll come of it after his earthly existence is ended.

The most courageous man the writer ever knew, is a life-long friend who is a native of California, that wonderful state, "The Land of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers."

For more than sixteen years, through no fault of his own, this noble fellow suffered sickness, poverty, humiliation and every trying thing that could befall a man. But he never flinched in these many years; for his keynote all through his life has been Charity for all, his younger life was devoted toward helping others; giving substantial aid to his fellow man when in distress. This friend was always gentle to hear, and kindly to judge. Hope has always been his slogan, for he well knew that hope implicitly relied on would bring him out of that condition in which he was placed, fully realizing that hope would ever urge him on and tell him, tomorrow would be better. His courage never wavered during these crucial years. At that time in one of his letters, he wrote me, in part, "Remember, now, when you meet your antagonist, do everything in a mild, agreeable manner. Let your courage be as keen, but at the same time, as polished as your sword."

Today this friend is restored to perfect health and is successful in all of his financial undertakings; he knows that it was that strong will power, combined with hope and courage of which he never lost sight, that brought him out of those severe trials—giving him a firmer faith in life, with its many vicissitudes, together with an experience that adds so much to a man's successful living.

Courage, keeping the senses quiet and the understanding clear, puts us in a condition to receive true intelligence to make computations upon danger, and pronounce rightly upon that which threatens us.

Knowledge of life, consciousness of worth, and great expectations, are the best foundations of courage. These ingredients make a richer cordial than youth can prepare; they warm the heart in the advancing years of life, and seldom fail in operation.

RHODE ISLAND LEADS IN SALES OF W. S. S.

Rhode Island again takes the lead of all other New England states in the sales of War Savings Stamps per capita, as shown by the latest official figures compiled by the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, issued recently. Perhaps it is worthy of note also that "Little Rhody" carried off the honors during the past month for the entire United States in this respect, having a record of six cents per capita. New Hampshire, year, $326,748.30; capita for second place, with the District of Columbia and Ohio. Massachusetts is tied with Maine for fifth place in the country, their sales being two cents per capita.

Thus far this year the official figures give Rhode Island a total of $547,321.51 in sales and during the month $35,967.82; Massachusetts, year to date, $1,344,859.34; month, $92,776.10; Maine, year, $160,899.16; month, $13,540.87; New Hampshire, year, $326,748.30; month, $21,596.11; Vermont, year, $109,728.61; month, $4,565.13; Connecticut, year, $363,935.16; month, $17,358.02; totals for New England, year, $2,853,492.08; month, $185,804.05.

On the total per capita for the year to date Rhode Island does not lead the nation, that honor belonging to Ohio.

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We will pay you 5 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses, delivered at the Citizen office.

News items for the Citizen should be in the office not later than 8.30 Wednesday morning.

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NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the 11th day of January, 1921 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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NOTICE

Christmas dinner served at the Inn at 1 o'clock. $1.50 per plate. Those wishing to engage tables please notify manager if possible.

DANCE

The American Legion will hold a New Year's Ball at Odeon Hall, Bethel, on the evening of Dec. 31. Music by Pettengill's orchestra. Come and dance the old year out and the new year in.

FOR SALE—Cows to freshen in January, two heifers, pung, few small farming tools, etc., sewing machine, couch, chairs, tables, two small stoves. Inquire of Carl L. Brown, Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

Whereas John F. Eagle of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed dated the 8th day of October, 1910, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 311, page 191, conveyed to Mottier L. Thurston a certain parcel of real estate situated in said Bethel, and bounded and described as follows, viz:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Bethel, at northwest Bethel, so called, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning on the north bank of the Androscoggin river at the southwest corner of the land of Frank Brown, thence up said river to a stake and stones located at the southwest corner of the land of Beth L. Mason, formerly; thence northwardly on line of the said Mason land to a stake and stones standing in the range line; thence easterly on said range line to the said Brown land; thence southwardly on line of the said Brown land to the point of beginning, and being a part of lot numbered in said Bethel, and being the same premises conveyed to said Eagle by Evelin E. Coburn by deed recorded in said registry, book 309, page 160; and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore by reason of the breach of the condition thereof a foreclosure of said mortgage is claimed.

December 7, 1920.

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